



# Searching for a low mass Higgs Boson at CDF

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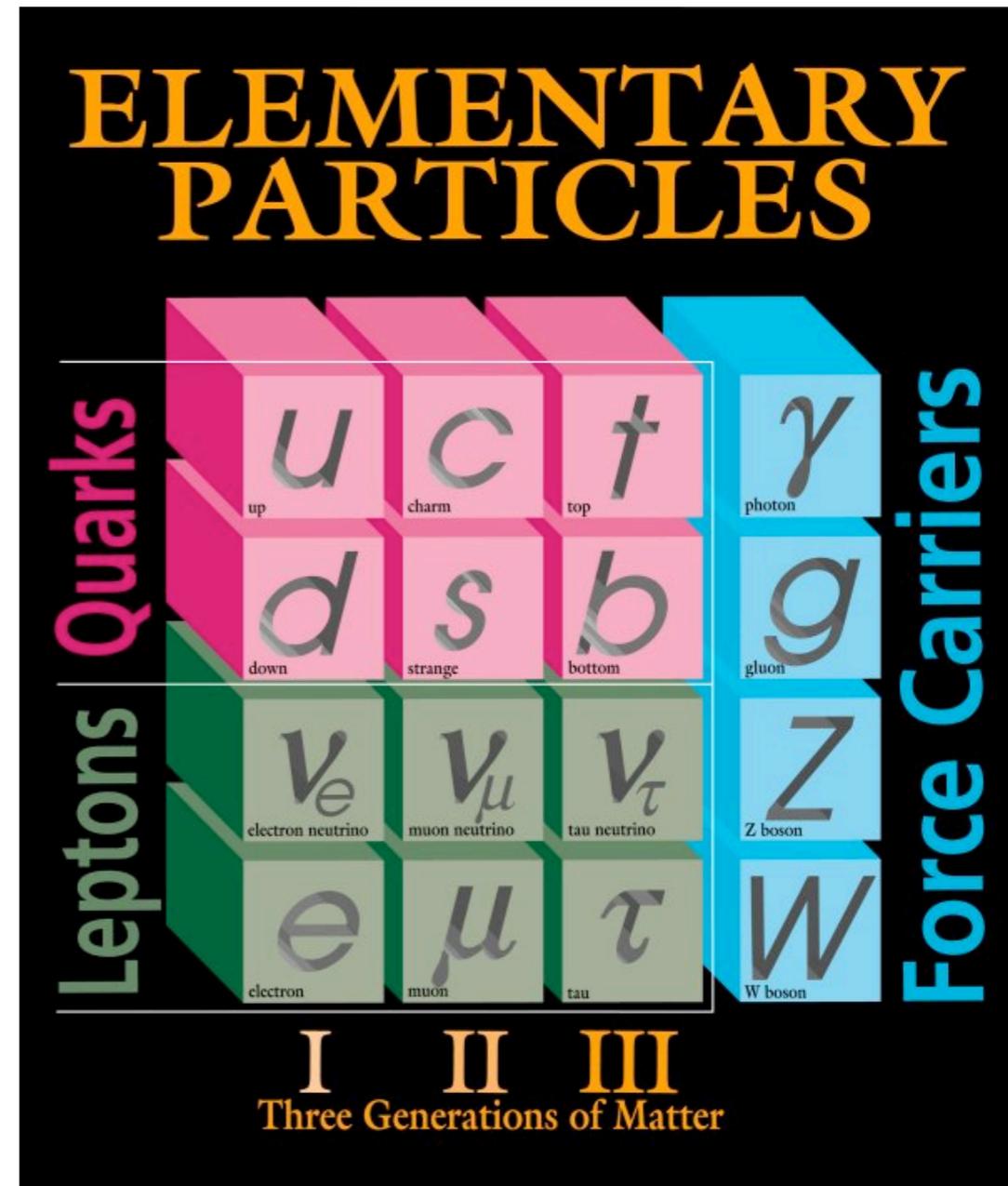
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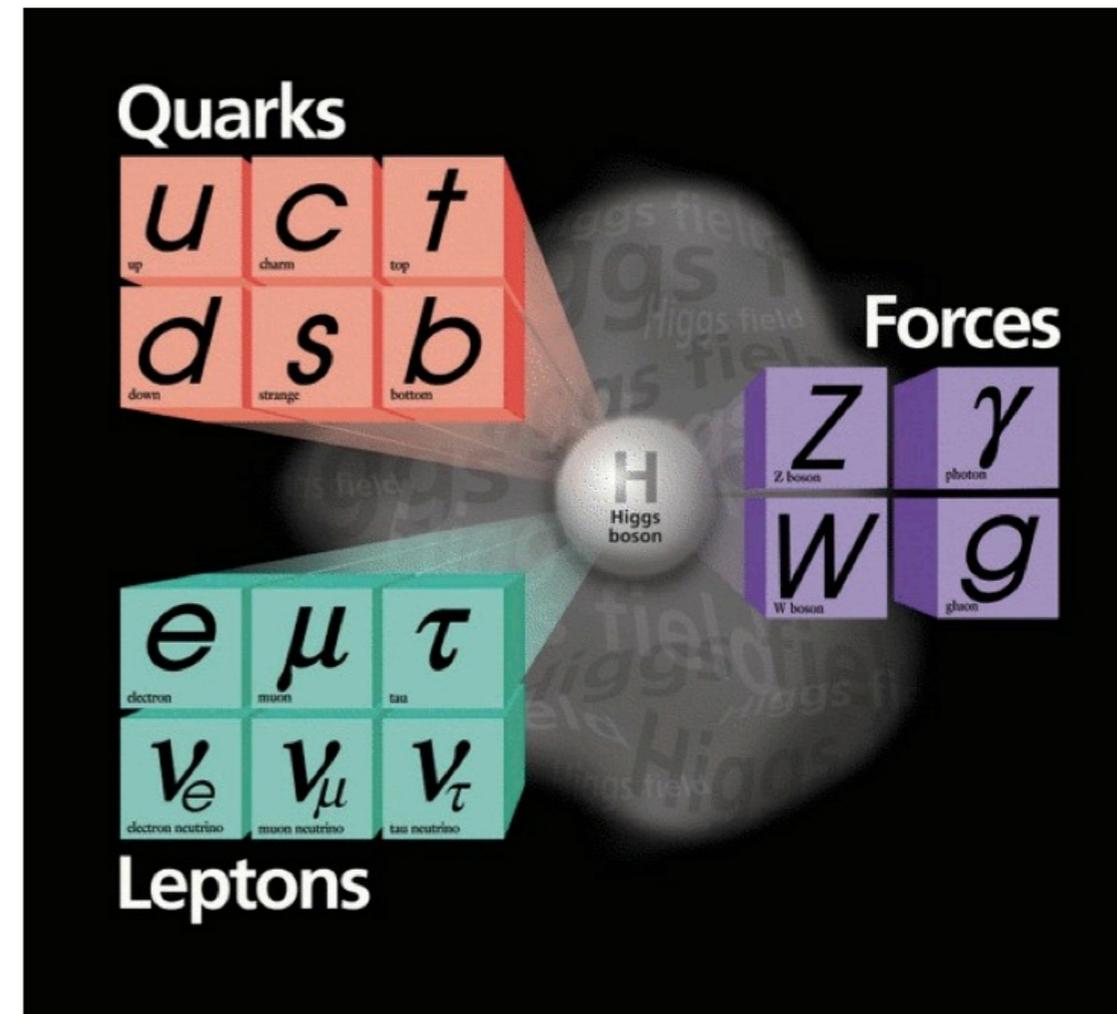
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# What do we know (about the unknown)?

- Electroweak sector of the standard model (SM) is constrained by

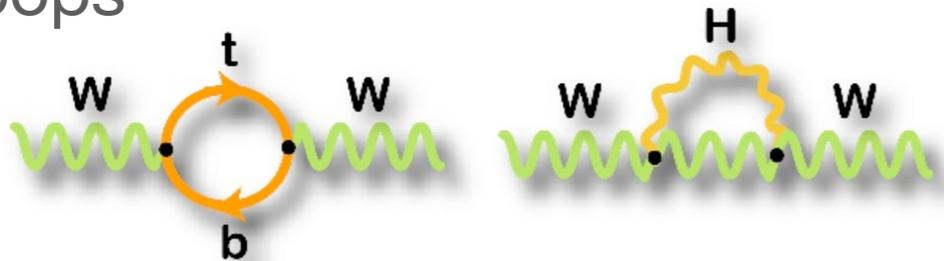
$$G_F = 1.16637(1) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$\alpha_{EM}(Q^2 = M_Z^2) = 1/127.918(18) \quad m_Z = 91.1876(21) \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

- These constants are all related to  $m_W$  by

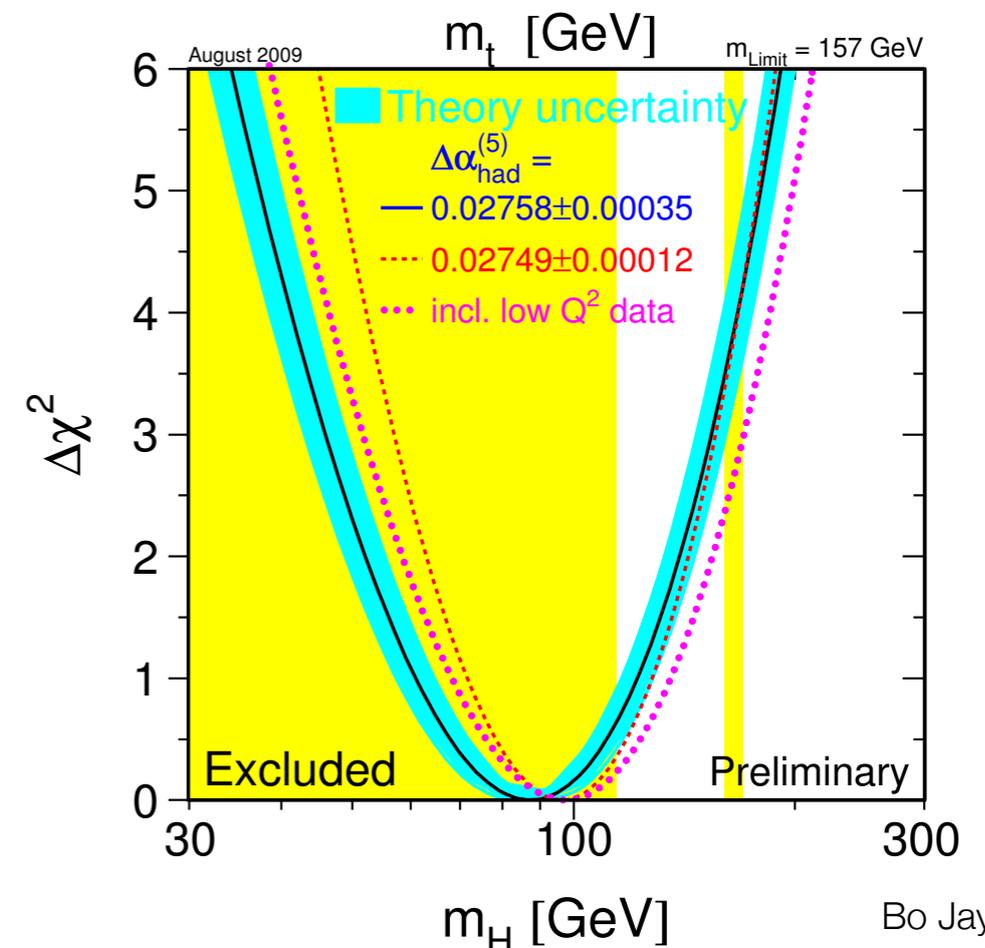
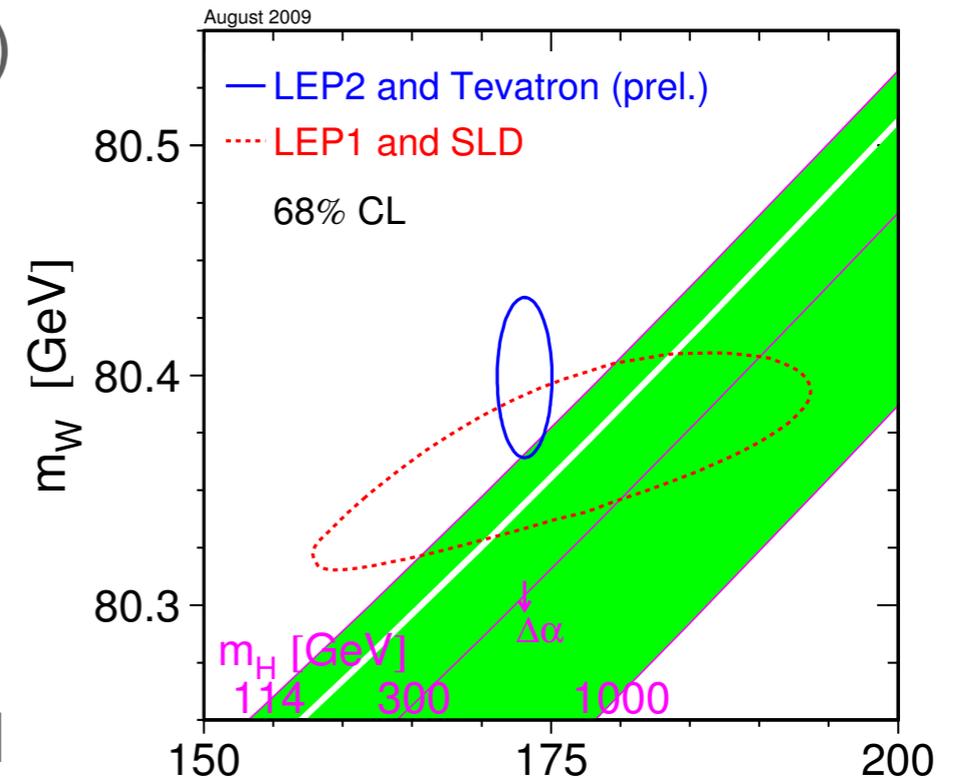
$$m_W^2 = \frac{\pi \alpha_{em}}{\sqrt{2} G_F \sin^2 \theta_W (1 - \Delta r)}$$

- Radiative corrections  $\Delta r$  dominated by top and Higgs loops



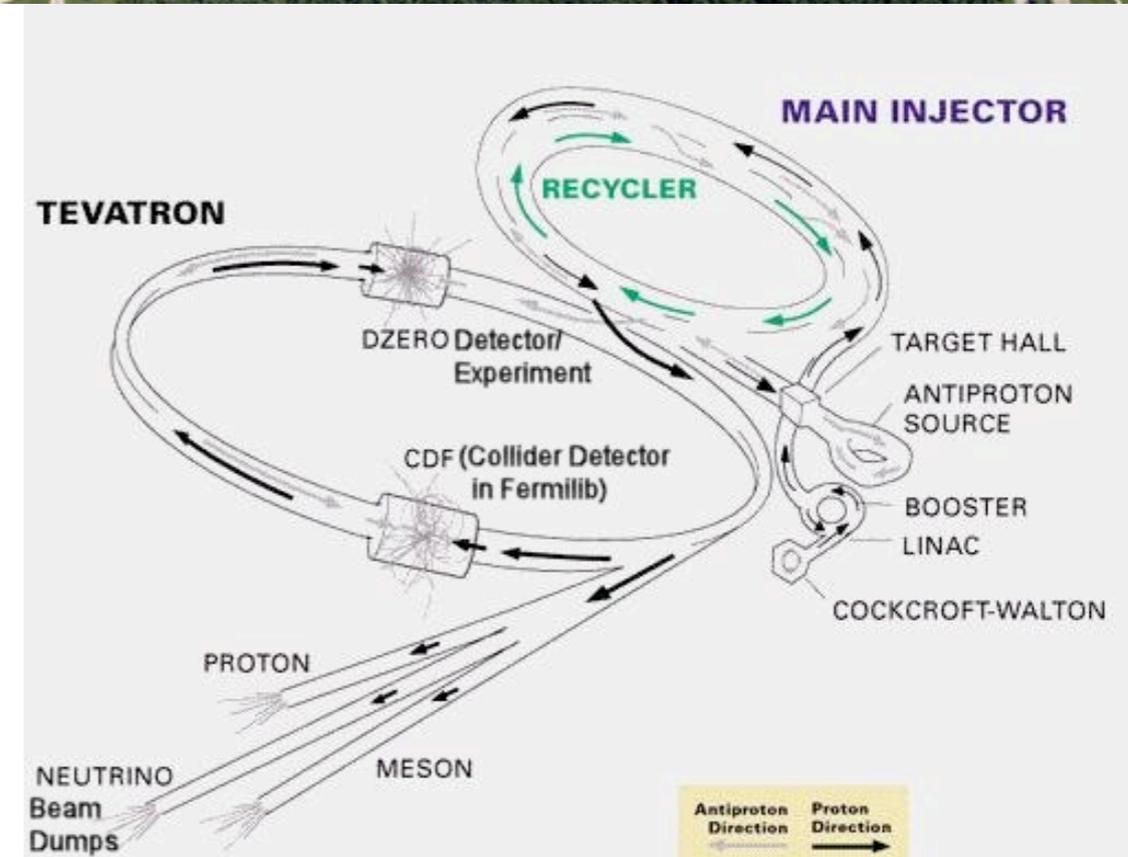
- Precision measurements in  $m_W$  and  $m_{top}$  constrain SM Higgs mass
  - $m_H < 157 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  @ 95% CL
  - Direct searches at LEP:  $m_H > 114 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 
    - Low mass preferred?

From LEPWWG

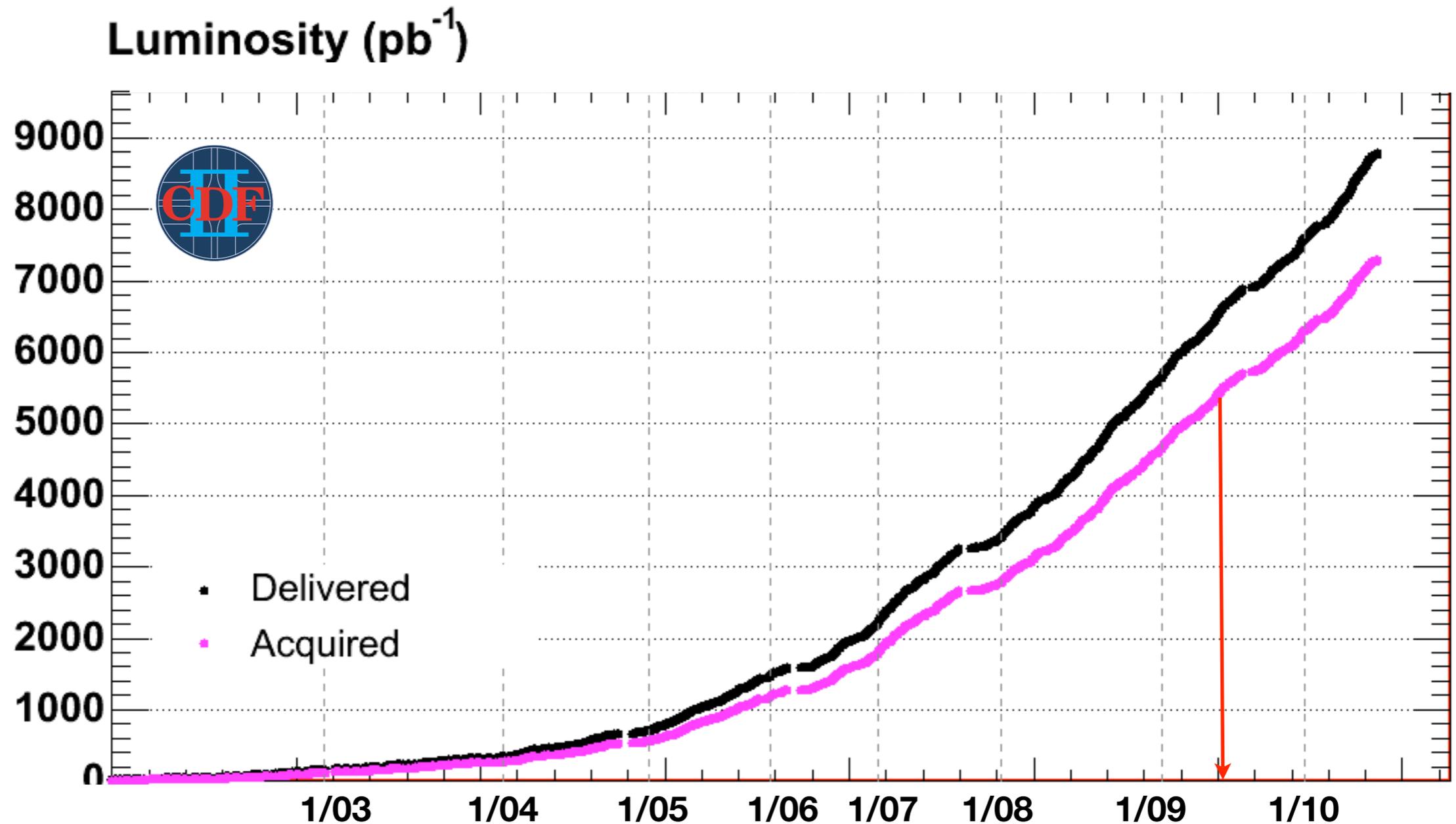


# The Tevatron at Fermilab

- 1.96 TeV ppbar collider
  - Highest energy <sup>p-pbar</sup> collider in the world
- Some numbers:
  - Typical initial luminosity  $> 3 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 
    - Record:  $4.0 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}!!$
  - Typical week:  $\sim 50 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 
    - Record: **73 pb<sup>-1</sup>**
  - 2009 LHC run ( $10 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ ): Tevatron in 0.1s!
- Nearly  $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  delivered to each experiment
- Long-term plans:  $> 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  per experiment
  - Run through FY2011
    - Maybe more?

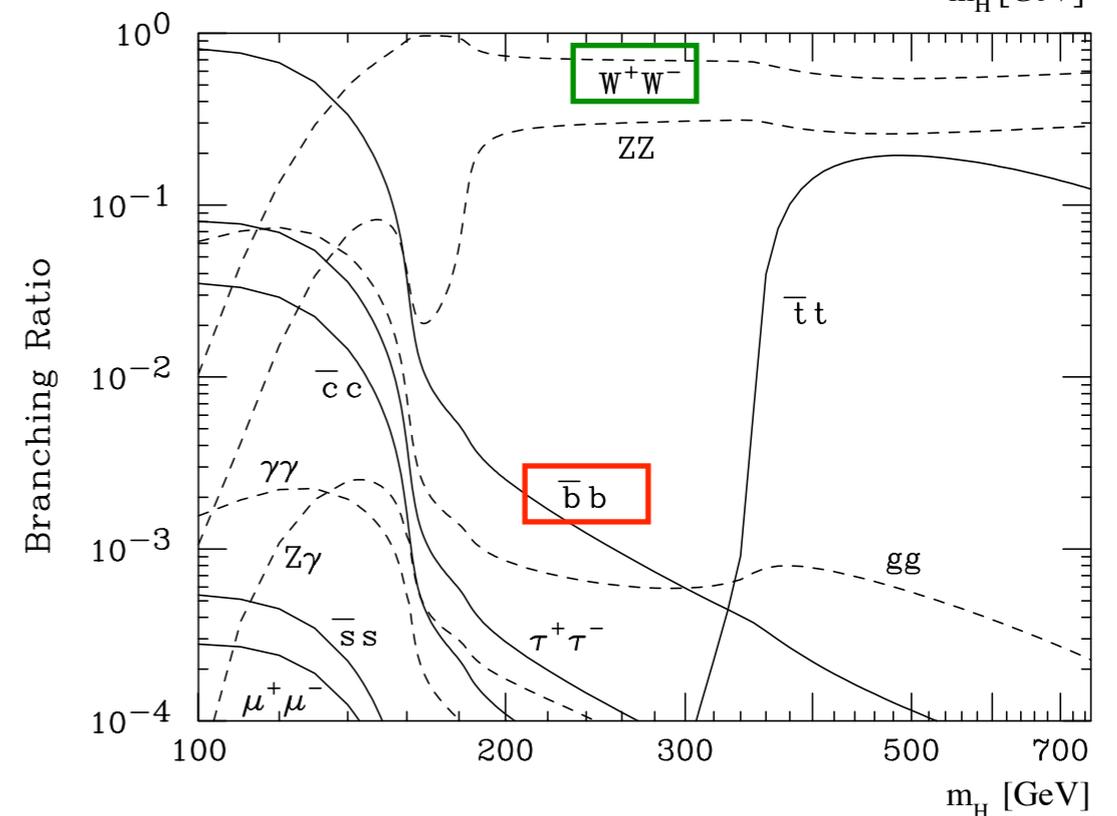
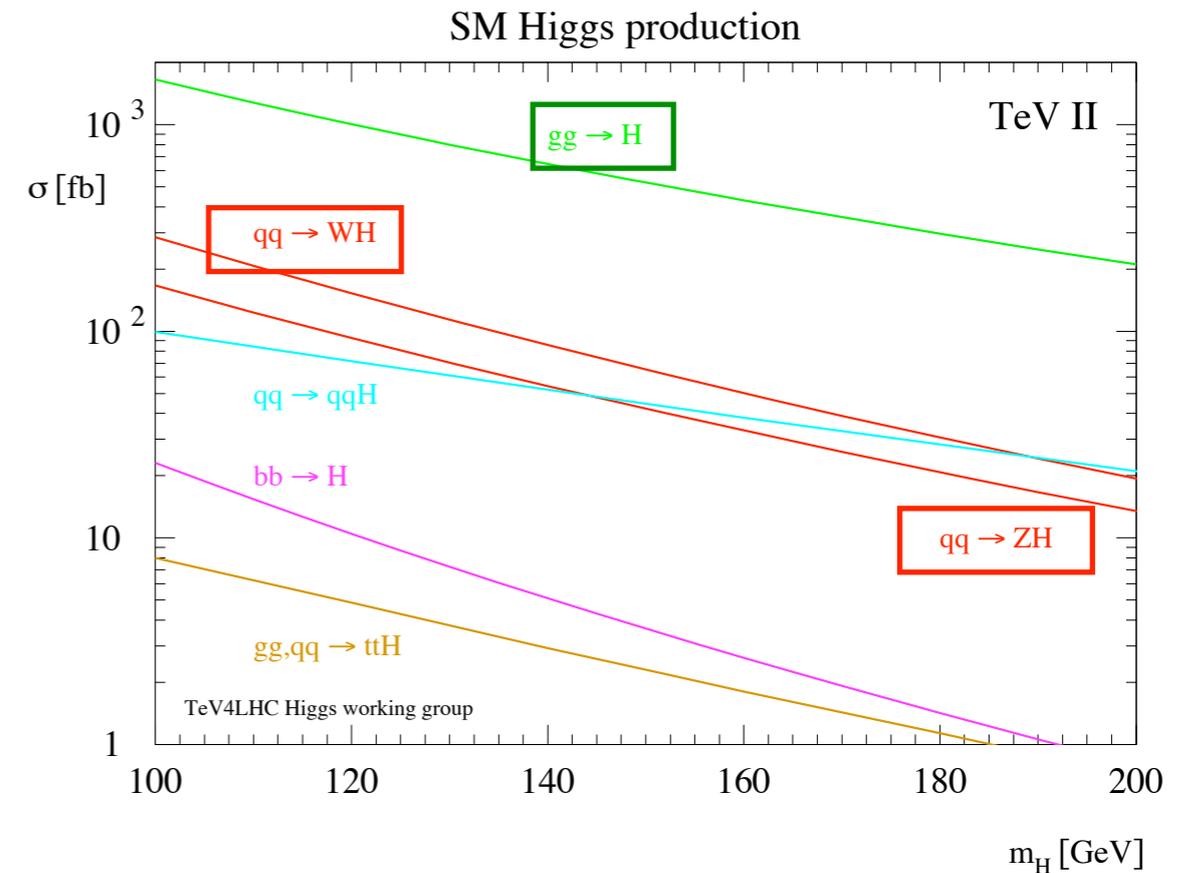


# Integrated luminosity at CDF



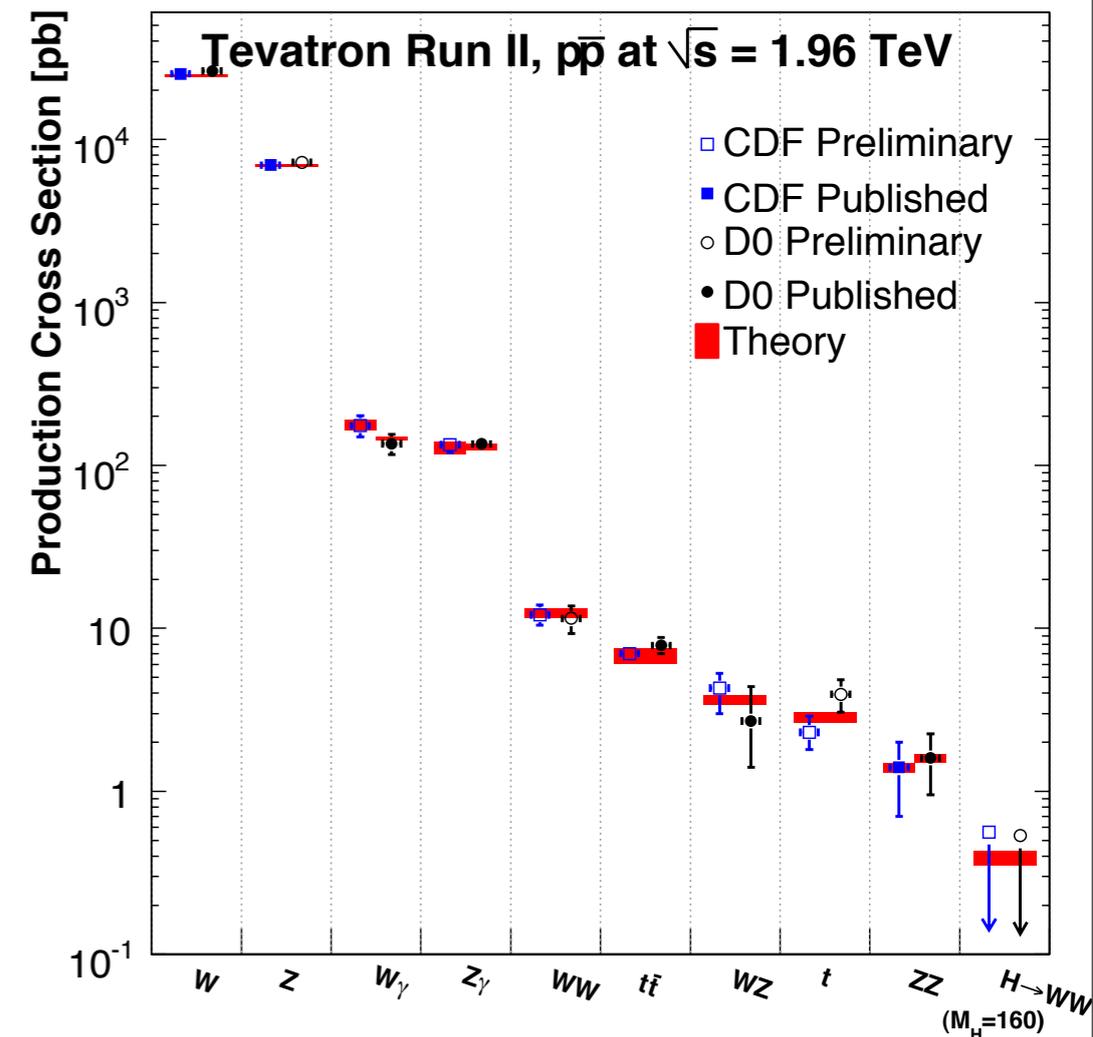
# What to look for?

- Separate according to decays:
- Low mass [ $m_H < 135$  GeV]:
  - Decays dominated by  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
  - $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  difficult to see experimentally
  - Rely on primarily on associated production with  $W$  or  $Z$
- High mass [ $m_H > 135$  GeV]:
  - Decays dominated by  $H \rightarrow W^+W^-$
  - Easiest to look for leptonic decays of  $W$ s
  - Considerable contribution from VBF and associated production



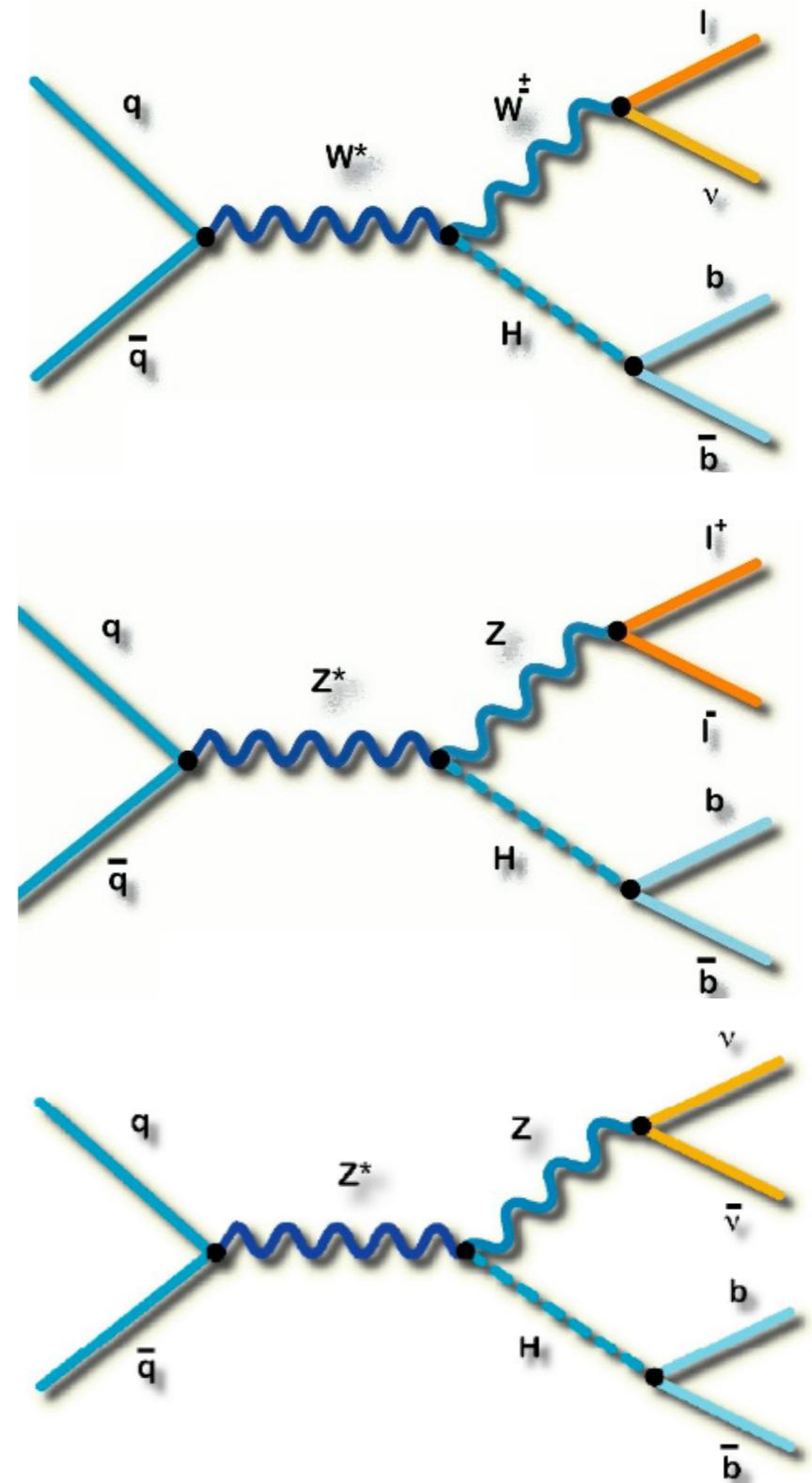
# The strategy

- Searching for a low mass SM Higgs needs:
  1. A good detector
  2. Defining a data sample
    - a. Trigger
    - b. Event selection
  3. Extracting a small signal: advanced analysis tools
  4. Open the box: set a limit if no signal seen
  5. Go back and improve on 1-4
- Not unique to Higgs searches
  - All steps have been successfully applied to other rare processes observed at the Tevatron (e.g. single top, diboson)
- Cover as many decay channels as possible
- Combine CDF+DØ

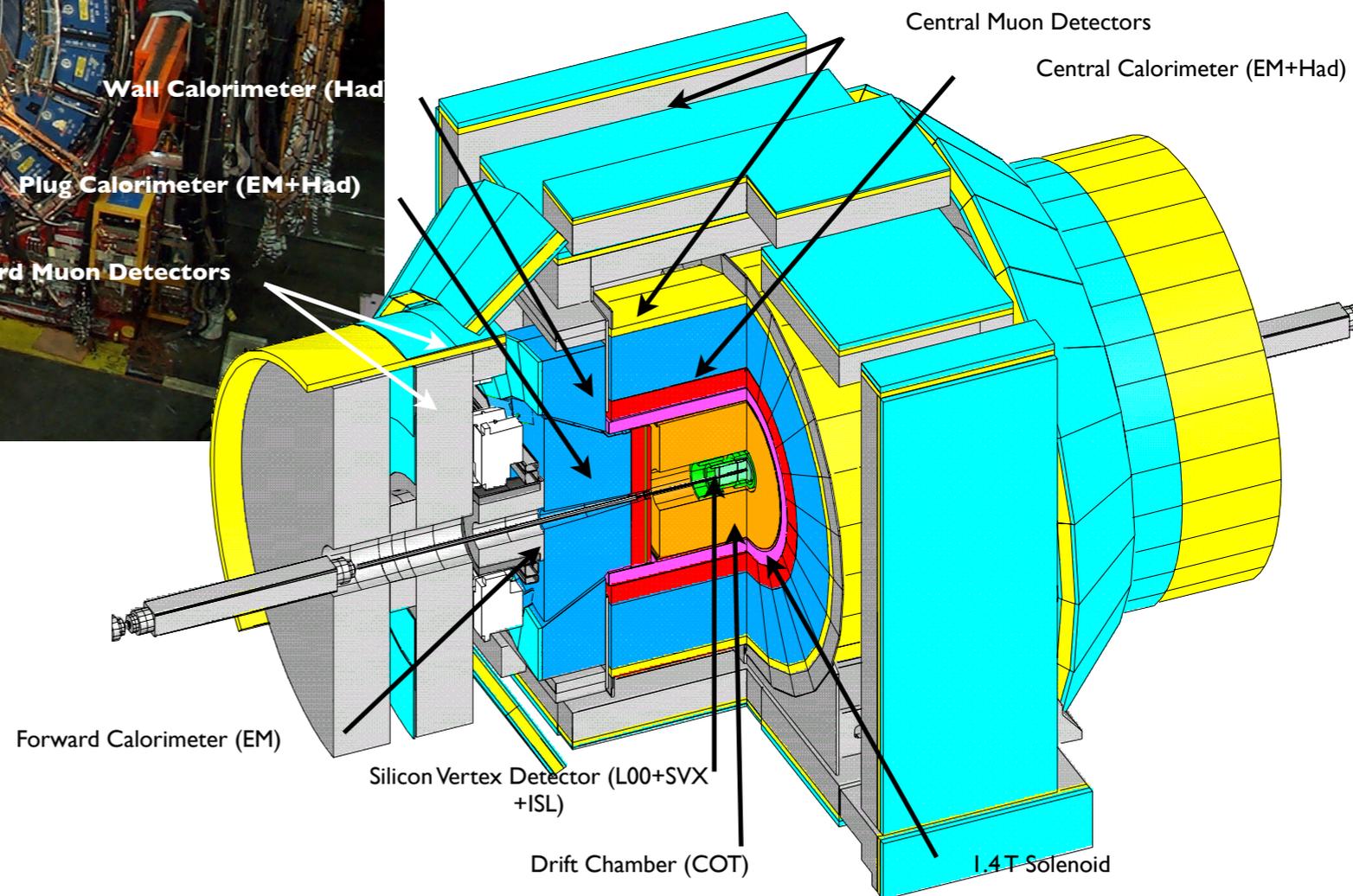
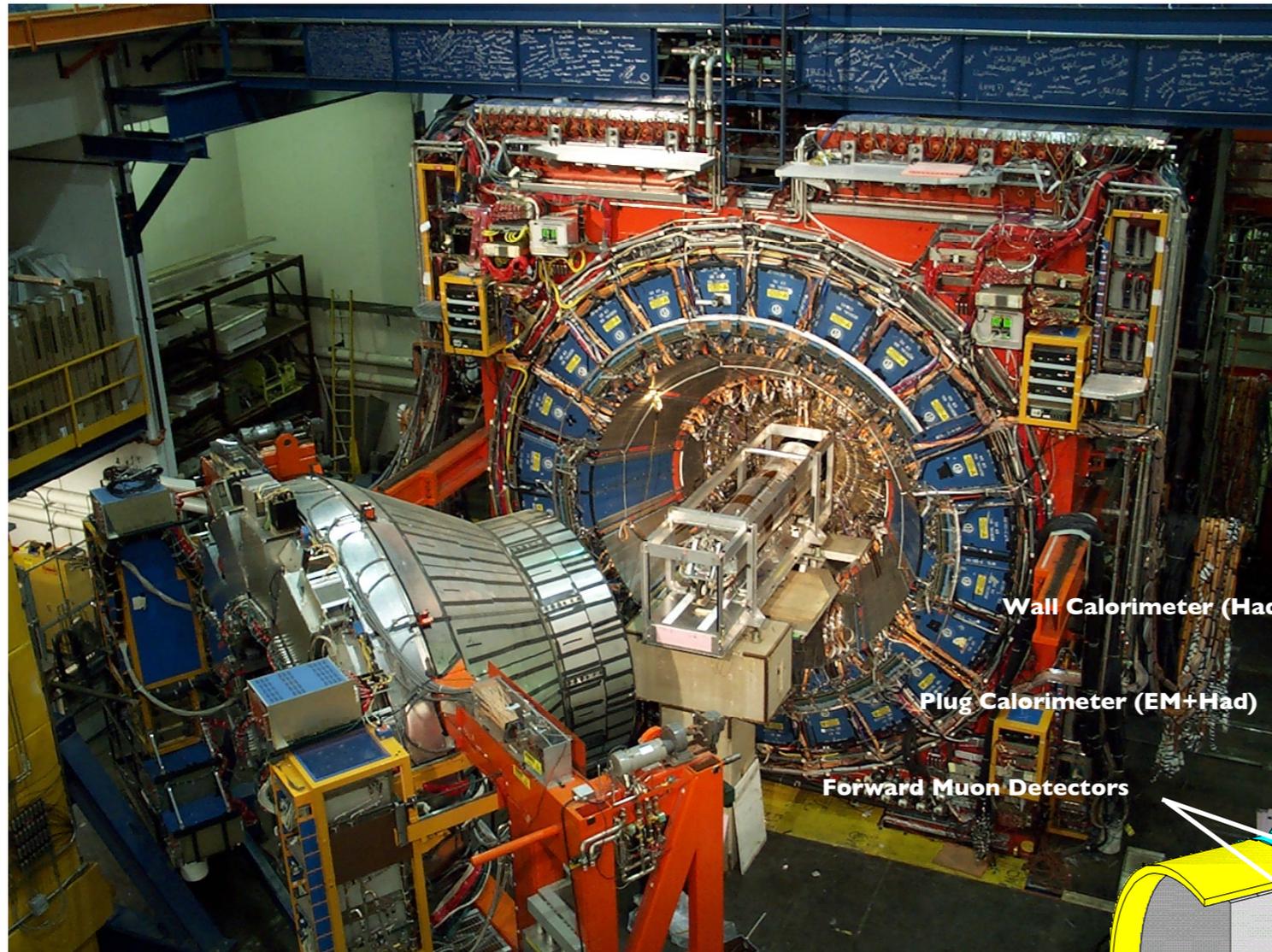


# Low mass Higgs searches at CDF

- Associated production
  - Identified leptons ( $e, \mu$ )
    - $WH \rightarrow l\nu b\bar{b}$
    - $ZH \rightarrow llb\bar{b}$  ← Will focus on this
  - Invisible leptons
    - $WH \rightarrow (l)\nu b\bar{b}, ZH \rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}$
- Other channels
  - All jets:  $VH \rightarrow qqbb + \text{VBF}$
  - Numerous final states involving taus
  - $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
  - $H \rightarrow WW$
- Combine all channels to establish best limits
  - Or see a signal!

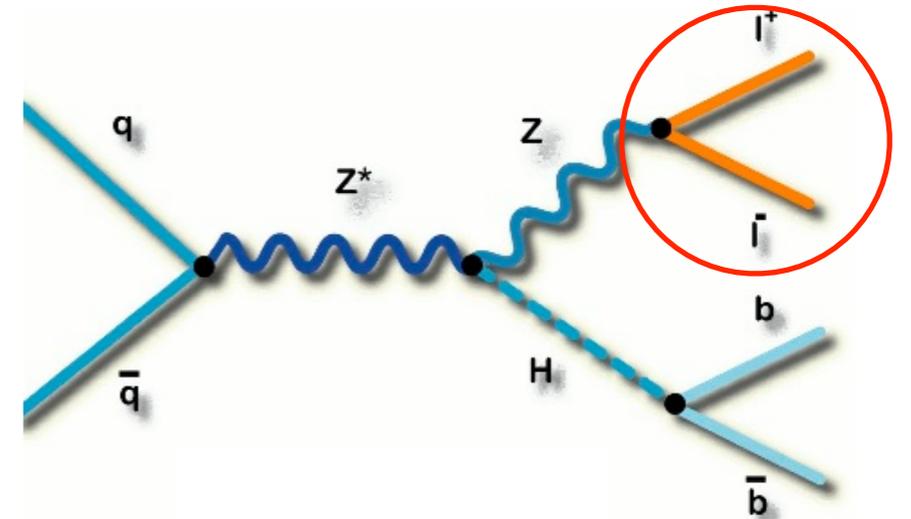


# Step 1: The Detector



# Step 2a: Defining a sample for $ZH \rightarrow llbb$

- $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-$ , trigger on high- $p_T$  lepton
  - $e, \mu$ , with  $p_T > 18$  GeV, central
- Missed anything?
  - Try not requiring tracks
  - “Z-no track” trigger
    - 2 EM towers,  $E_T > 18$  GeV each
- Trigger requirements define first (“probe”) lepton in event

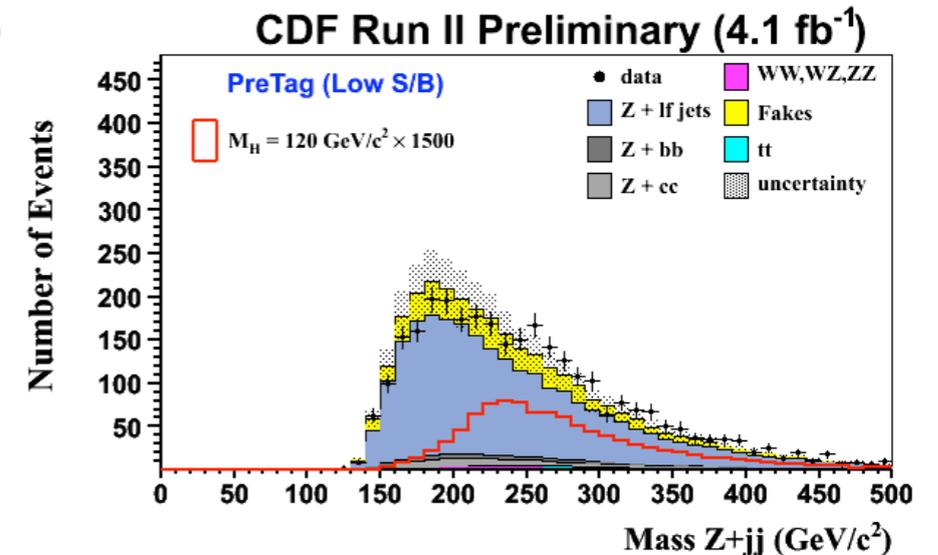
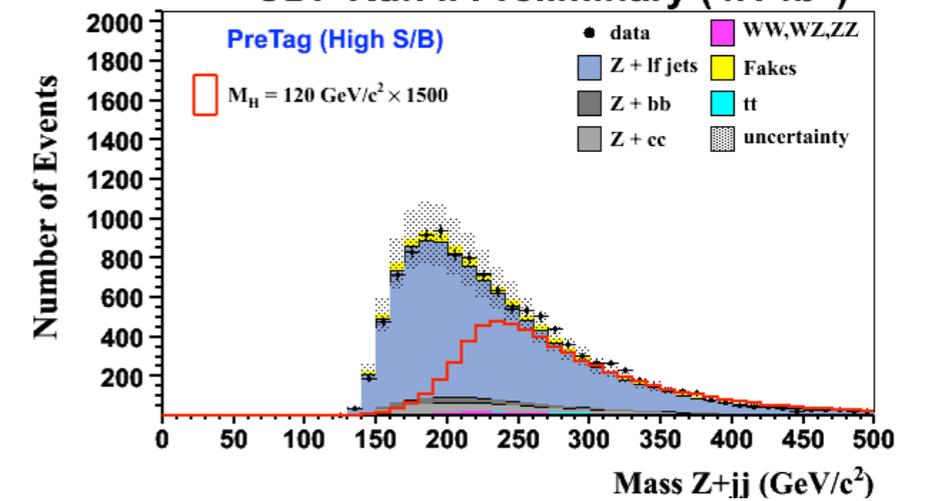
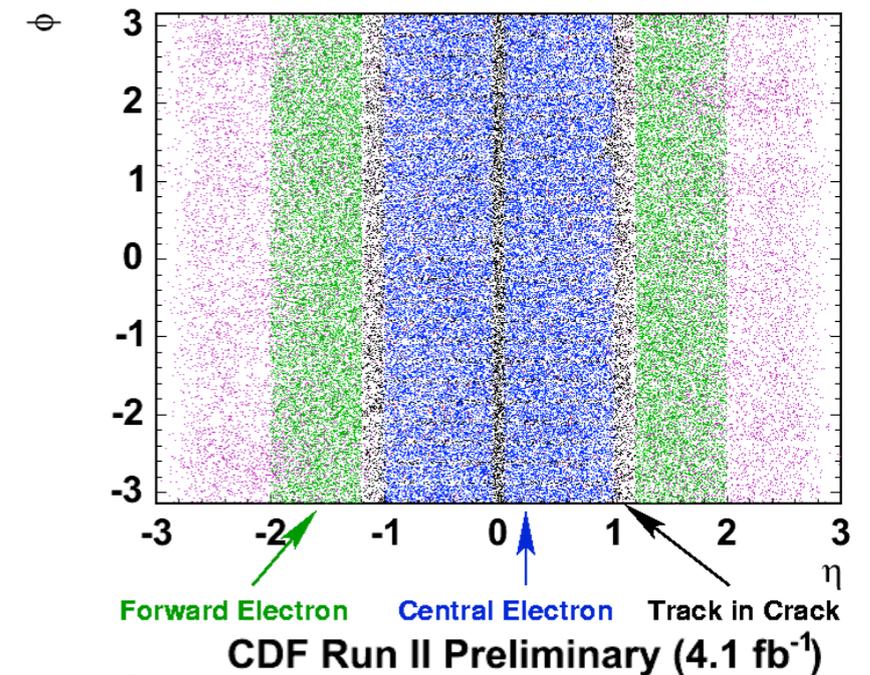


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# Step 2b: Further event selection

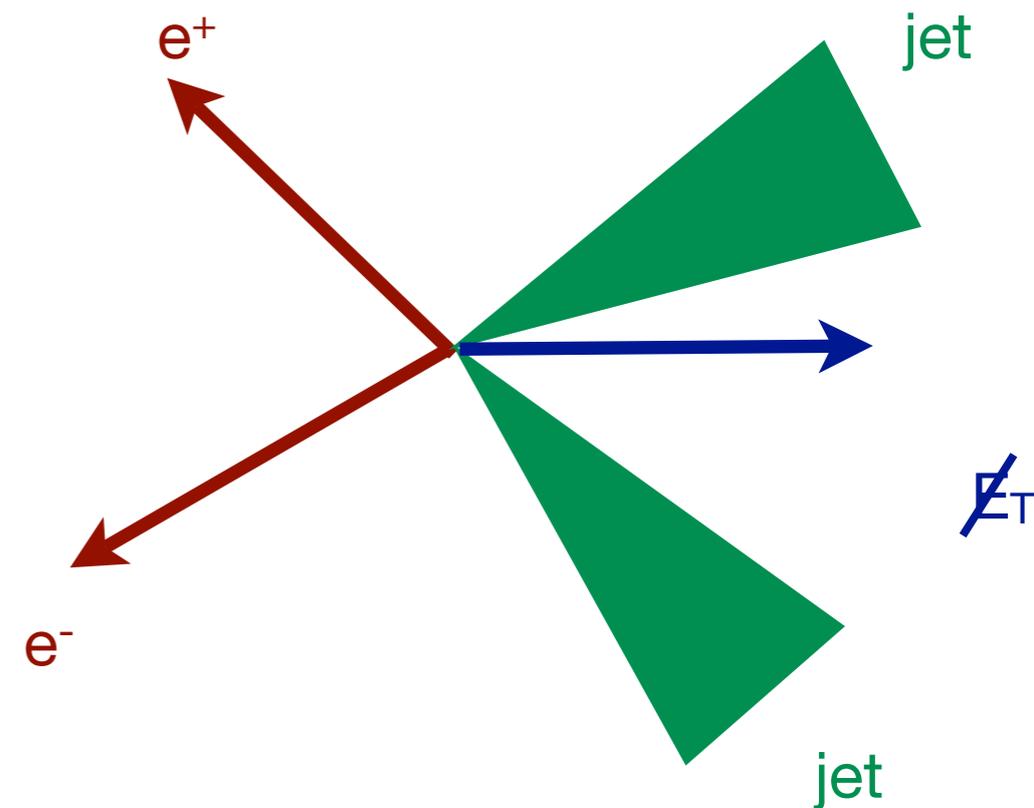
- Reconstruct a  $Z$ 
  - Allow second lepton to have much looser selection
    - $p_T > 10$  GeV
    - Forward electrons
    - Electrons in un-instrumented calorimeter region (“crack tracks”)
  - Require  $76 < m_{ll} < 106$  GeV
  - Divide sample by expected sample purity
- Reconstruct the Higgs
  - Require  $\geq 2$  jets,  $E_T > 15$  GeV (at least one  $E_T > 25$  GeV)
  - This sample is our “PreTag” sample

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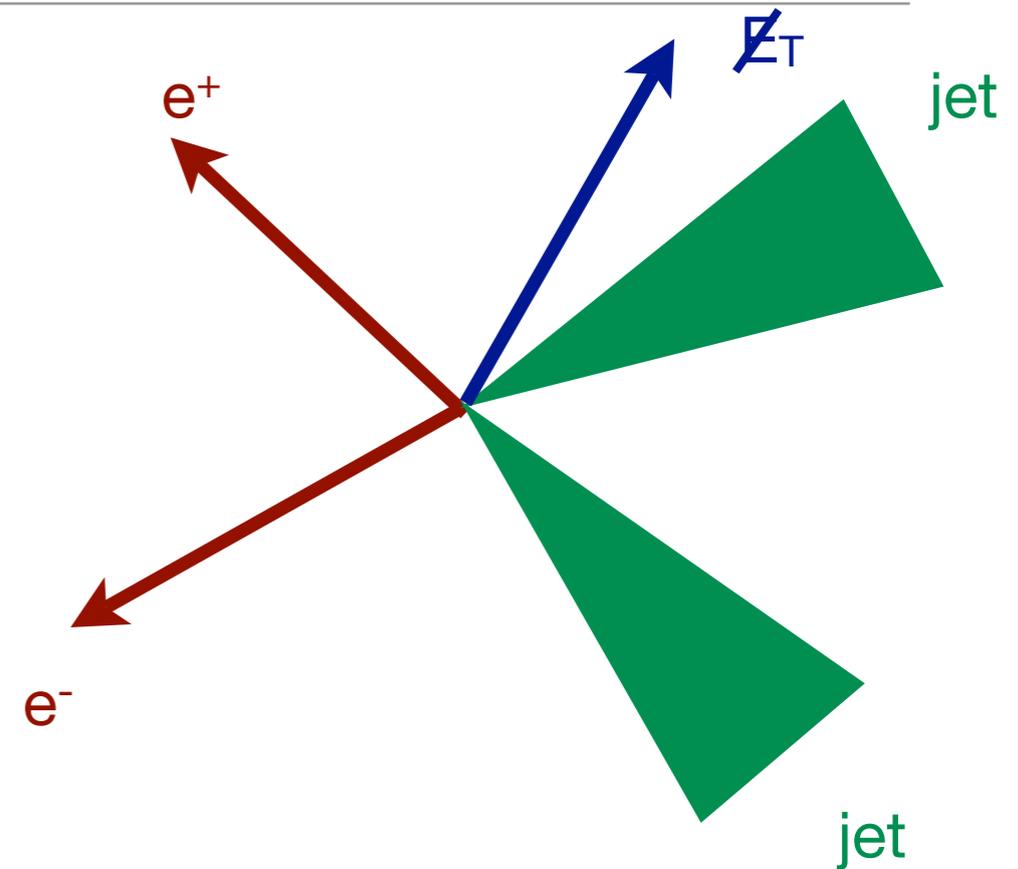
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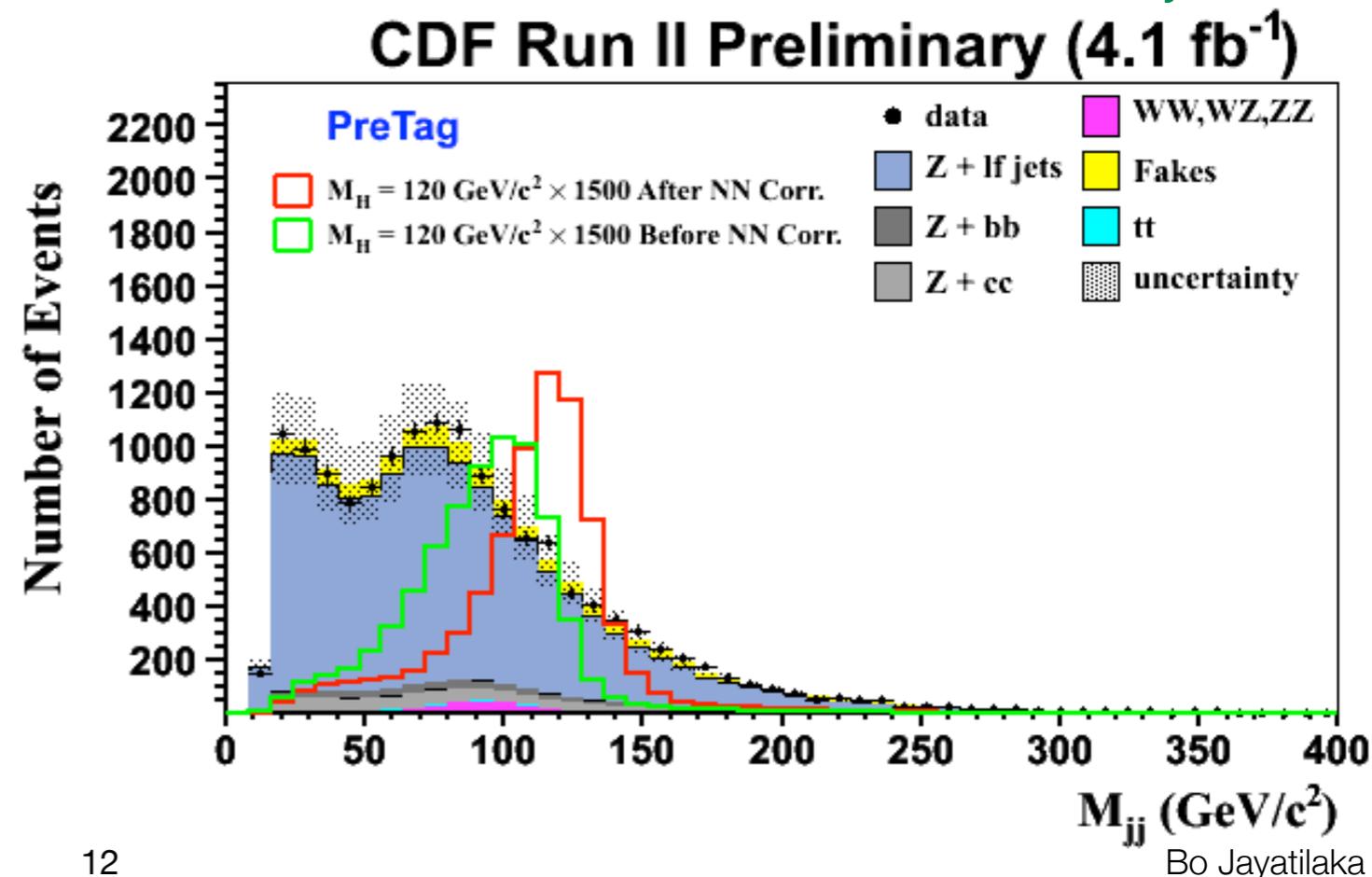
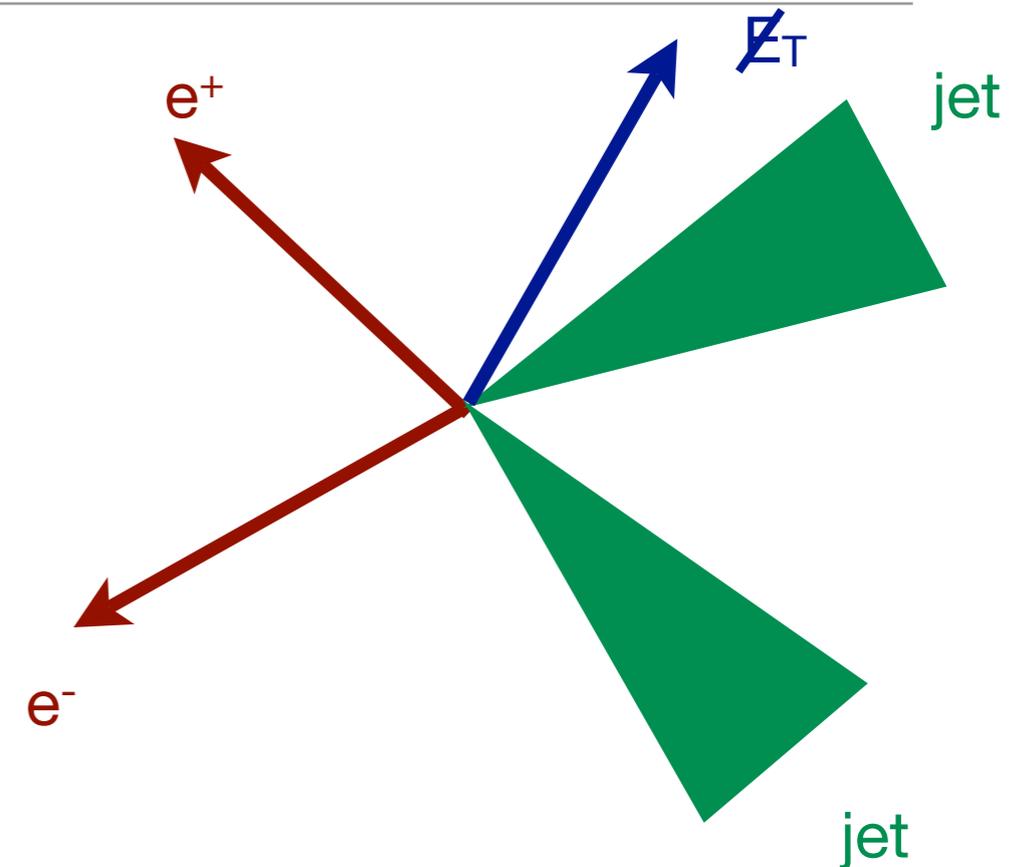
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# A word about backgrounds

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- Backgrounds with real Zs
  - Dominant background
  - Model separately for events with real heavy flavor and without
    - Incorrect tagging rate determined from data
- Backgrounds without real Zs
  - $t\bar{t}$
  - Heavy diboson (WW, WZ, ZZ)
  - Instrumental fakes
    - Modeled using data
    - Much higher rate for low S/B sample

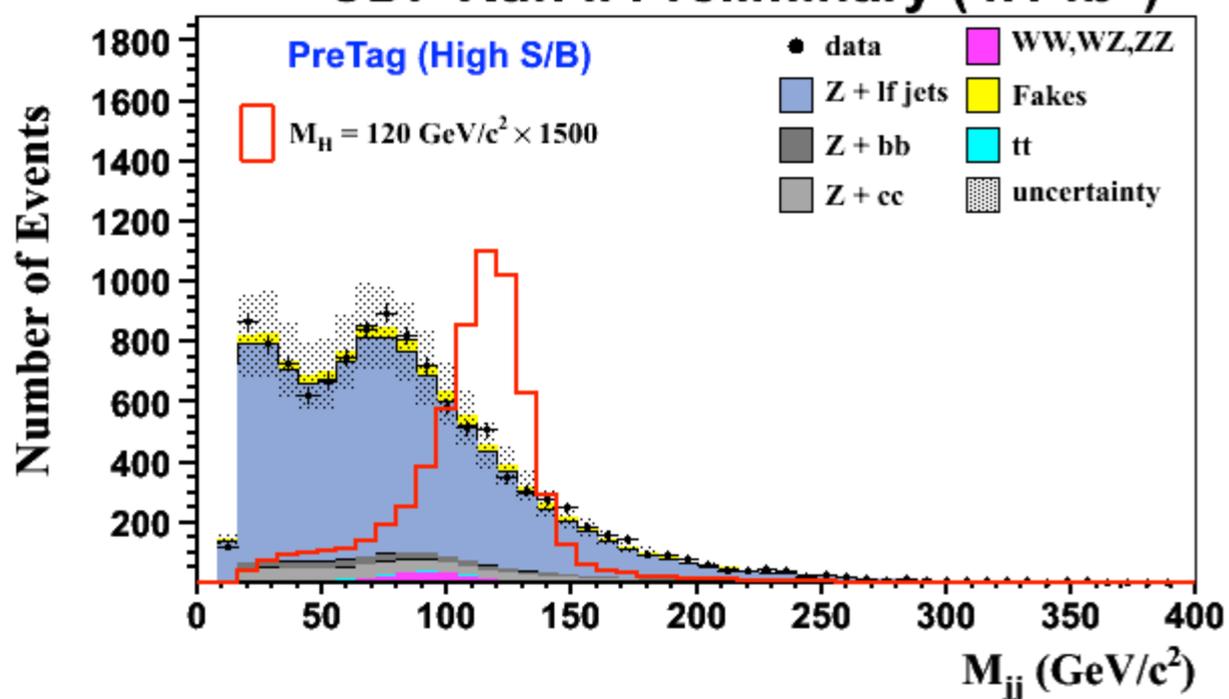
# Sample validation: PreTag

Source	PreTag High S/B	PreTag Low S/B
<b>tt</b>	$53.01 \pm 11.26$	$27.12 \pm 5.76$
<b>WW</b>	$5.22 \pm 0.71$	$4.3 \pm 0.58$
<b>WZ</b>	$117.89 \pm 15.95$	$27.04 \pm 3.66$
<b>ZZ</b>	$118.14 \pm 15.98$	$23.28 \pm 3.15$
<b>Z <math>\rightarrow</math> <math>\tau\tau</math></b>	$2.98 \pm 1.21$	$4.33 \pm 1.76$
<b>Z+jets (bb)</b>	$370.93 \pm 150.71$	$74.51 \pm 30.28$
<b>Z+jets (cc)</b>	$682.59 \pm 277.34$	$142.25 \pm 57.79$
<b>Z+jets (lf)</b>	$9977.08 \pm 1995.42$	$2206.9 \pm 441.38$
<b>fakes</b>	$541.02 \pm 270.51$	$504.44 \pm 252.22$
<b>ZH (120 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)</b>	$4.25 \pm 0.32$	$0.67 \pm 0.05$
<b>Total Background</b>	$11868.9 \pm 2038.4$	$3014.17 \pm 512.6$
<b>Data</b>	11806	3061

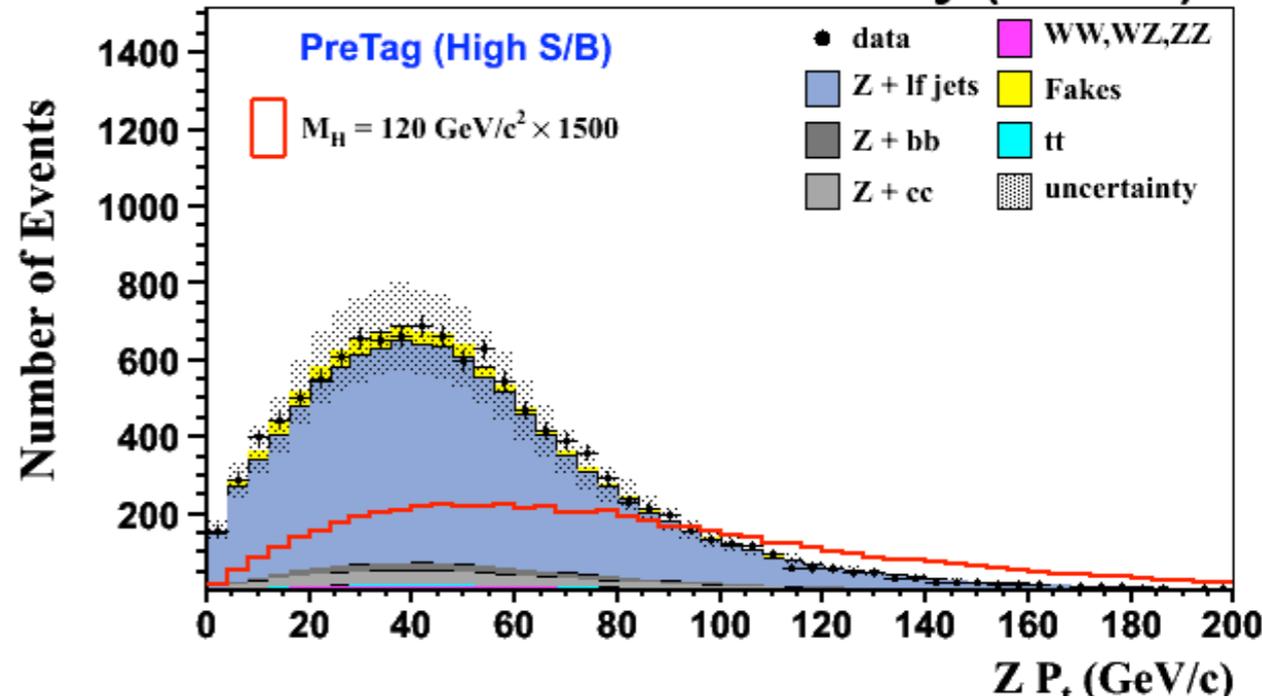
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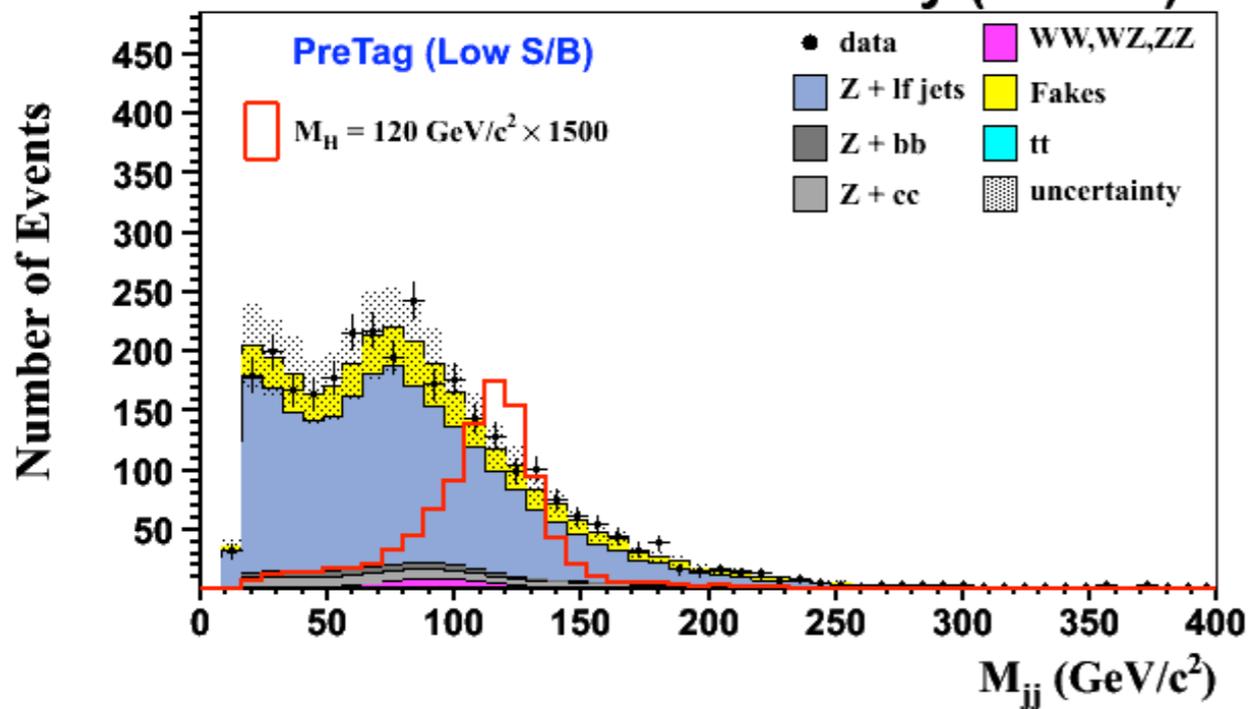
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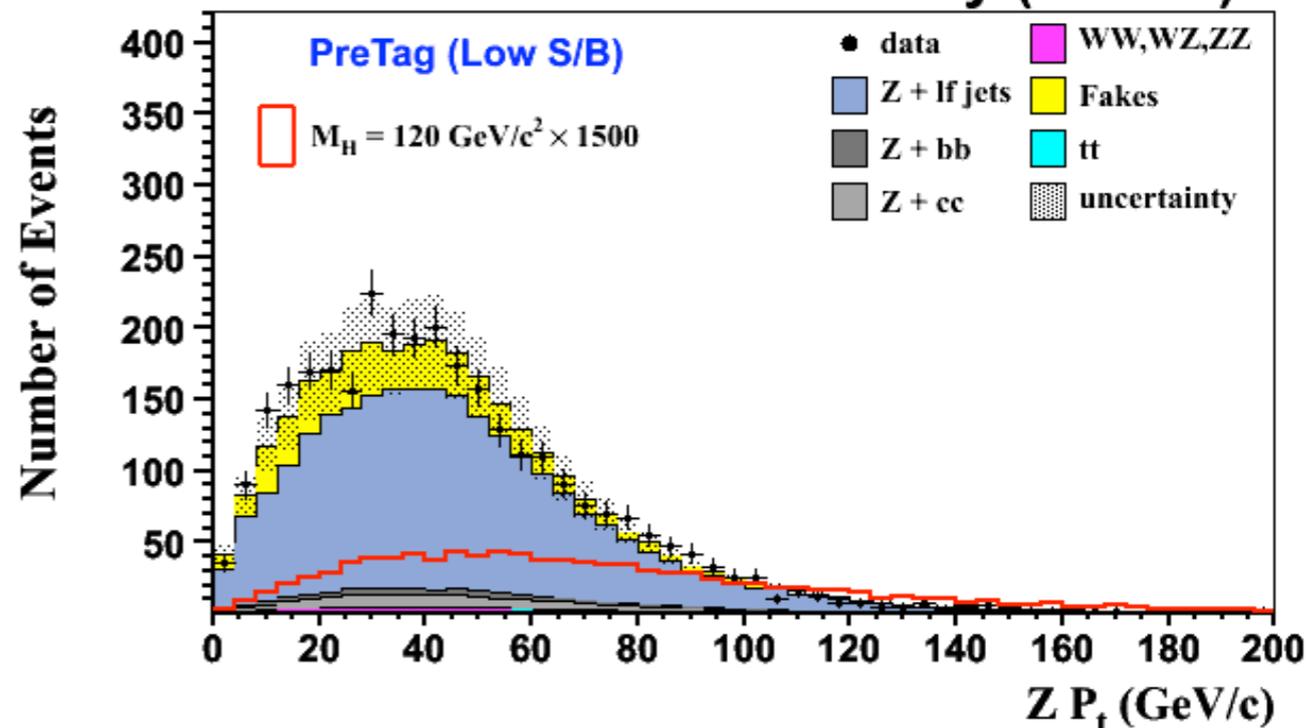
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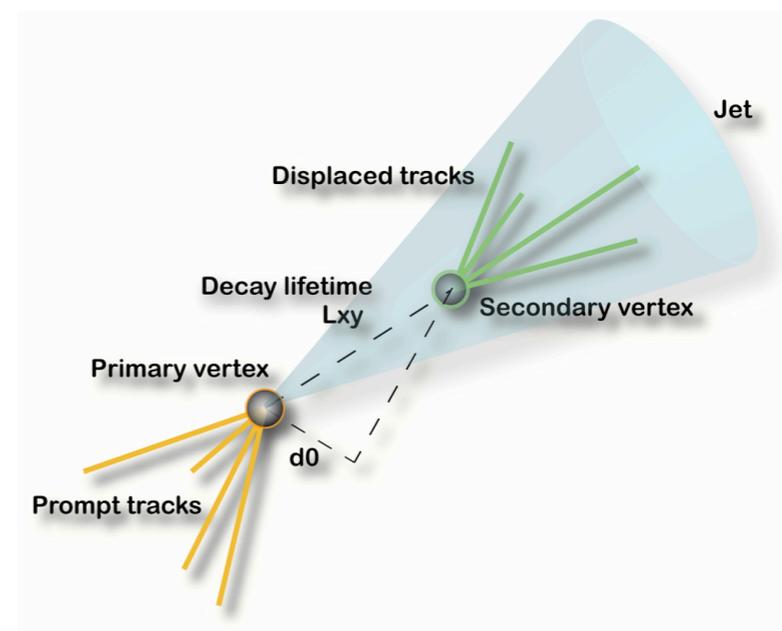
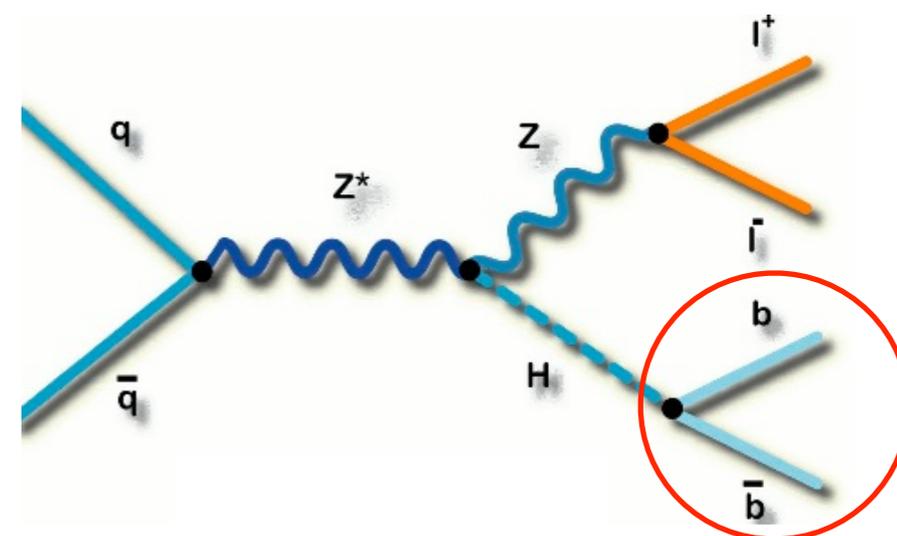


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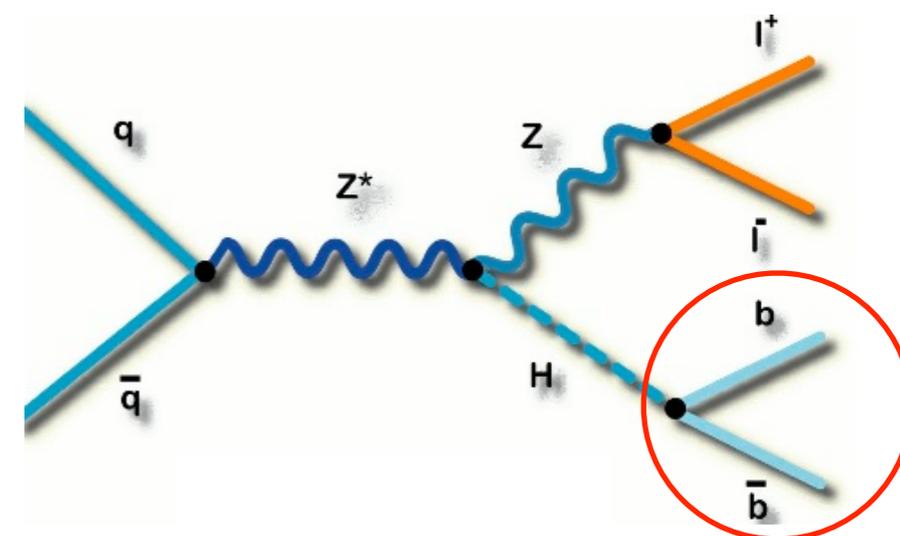
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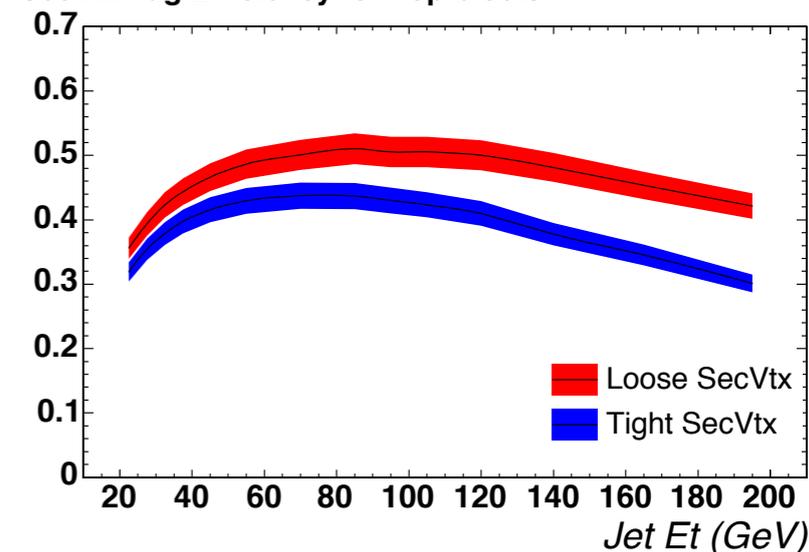


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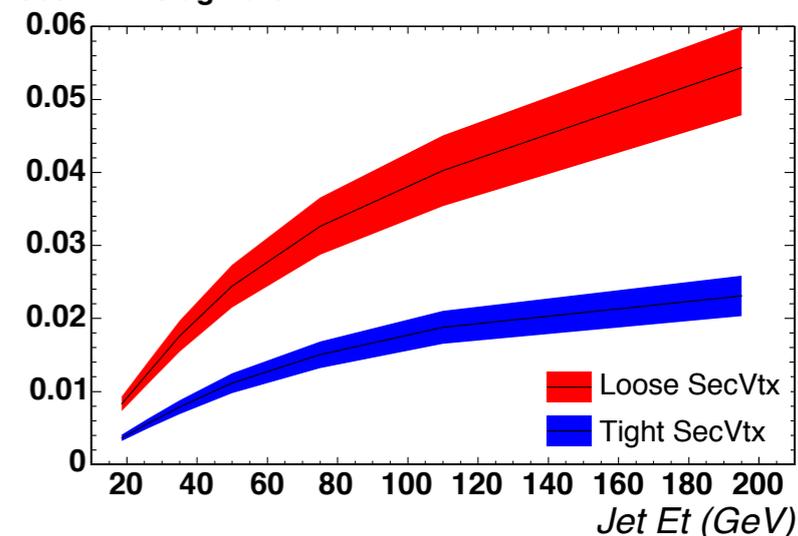
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SecVtx Tag Efficiency for Top b-Jets



SecVtx Mistag Rate



# Analysis samples

( High S/B Categories )

Source	Double T Tag	L+JP Tag	Single T Tag
<b>tt</b>	$7.0 \pm 1.5$	$8.1 \pm 1.9$	$17.3 \pm 3.6$
<b>WW</b>	$0.02 \pm 0.003$	$0.1 \pm 0.01$	$0.2 \pm 0.03$
<b>WZ</b>	$0.1 \pm 0.01$	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	$4.8 \pm 0.7$
<b>ZZ</b>	$2.7 \pm 0.4$	$3.4 \pm 0.6$	$11.1 \pm 1.5$
<b>Z+jets (bb)</b>	$16.1 \pm 6.8$	$21.5 \pm 9.2$	$105.4 \pm 44.3$
<b>Z+jets (cc)</b>	$1.8 \pm 0.7$	$8.0 \pm 3.3$	$53.7 \pm 22.6$
<b>Z+Mistags</b>	$0.9 \pm 0.3$	$9.4 \pm 3.2$	$151.6 \pm 22.7$
<b>fakes</b>	$0.7 \pm 0.3$	$1.8 \pm 0.9$	$22.0 \pm 11.0$
<b>ZH (120 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)</b>	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	$0.6 \pm 0.1$	$1.4 \pm 0.1$
<b>Total Background</b>	$29.3 \pm 7.0$	$52.8 \pm 10.5$	$366.1 \pm 55.9$
<b>Data</b>	23	56	406

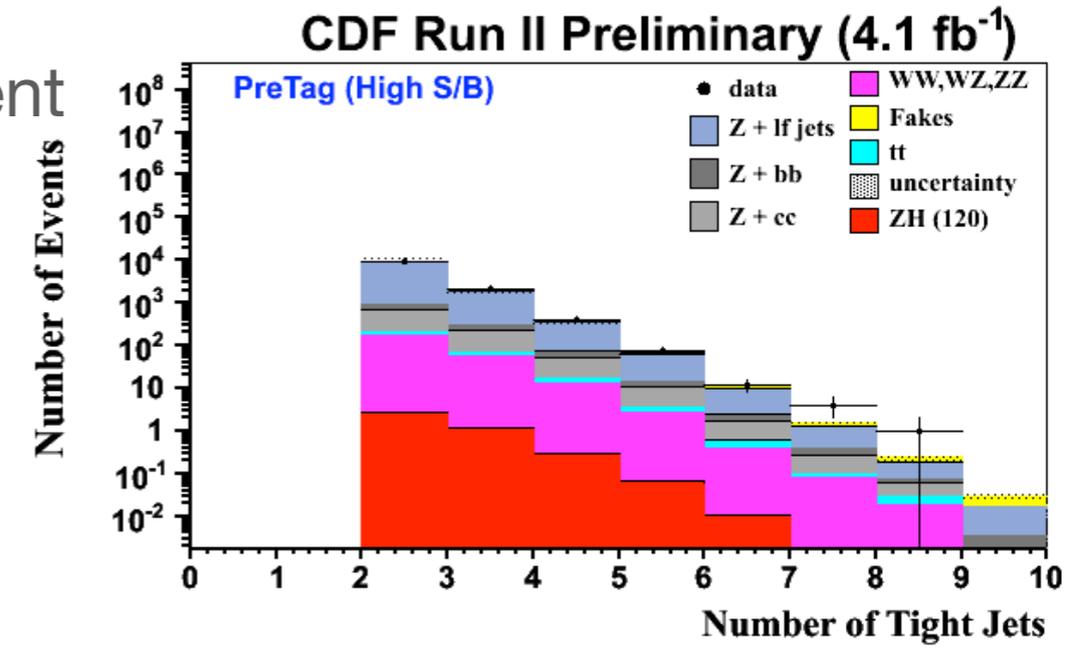
( Low S/B Categories )

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<b>Z+jets (bb)</b>	$3.2 \pm 1.4$	$4.0 \pm 1.7$	$21.1 \pm 8.9$
<b>Z+jets (cc)</b>	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	$1.6 \pm 0.7$	$11.0 \pm 4.6$
<b>Z+Mistags</b>	$0.4 \pm 0.1$	$3.8 \pm 1.3$	$50.0 \pm 7.5$
<b>fakes</b>	$1.4 \pm 0.7$	$1.1 \pm 0.5$	$22.5 \pm 11.3$
<b>ZH (120 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)</b>	$0.1 \pm 0.01$	$0.1 \pm 0.02$	$0.2 \pm 0.03$
<b>Total Background</b>	$8.7 \pm 1.7$	$14.3 \pm 2.4$	$116.8 \pm 17.0$
<b>Data</b>	12	14	116

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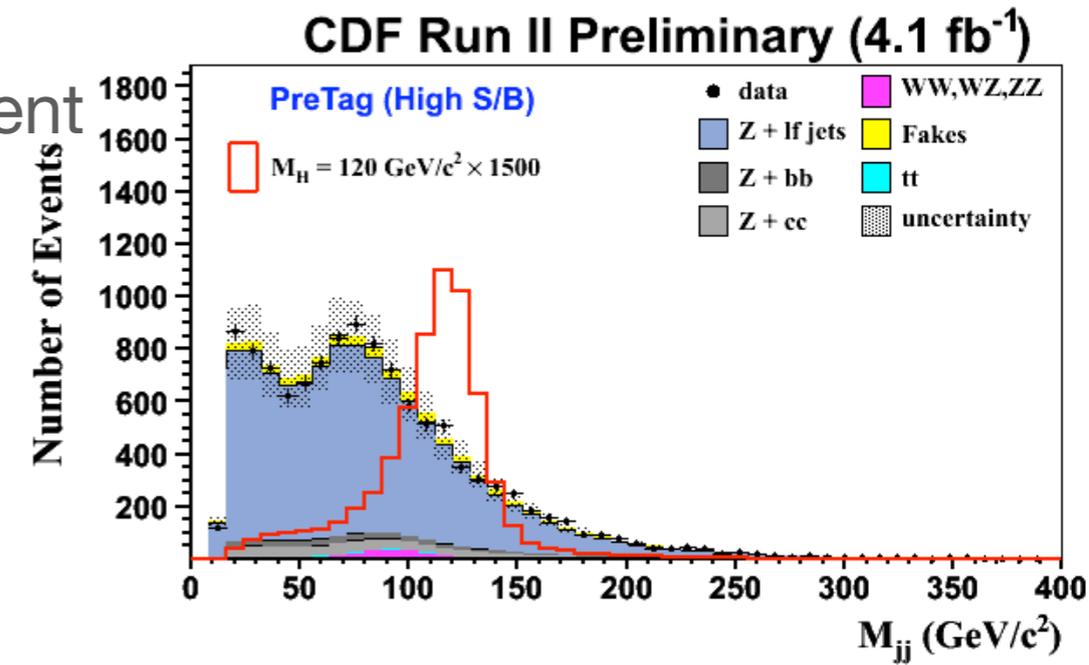
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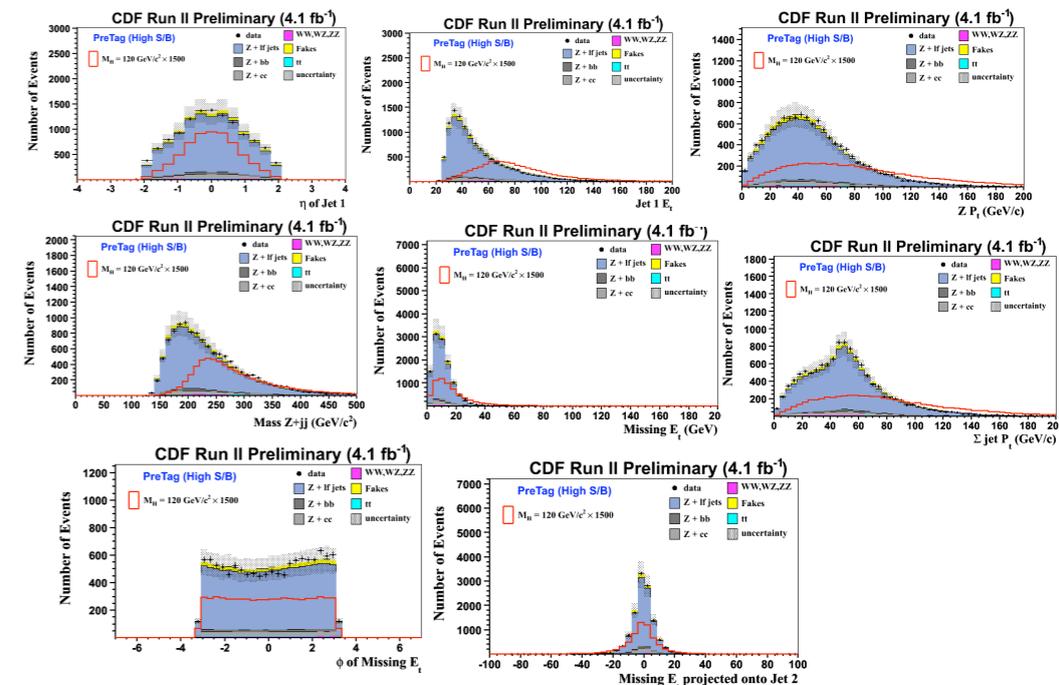
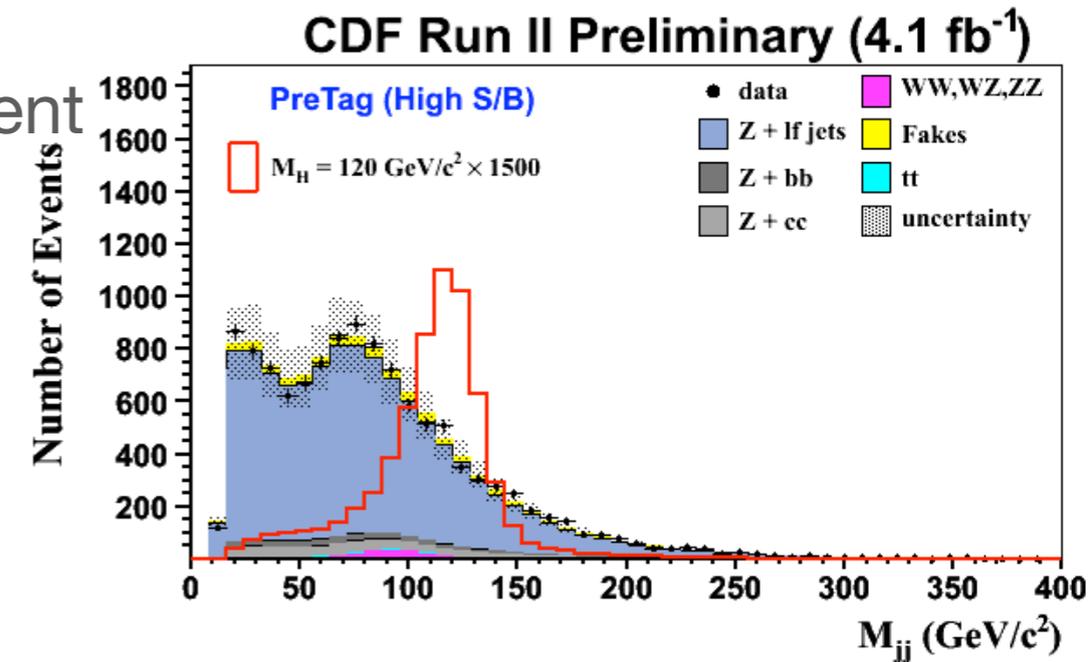
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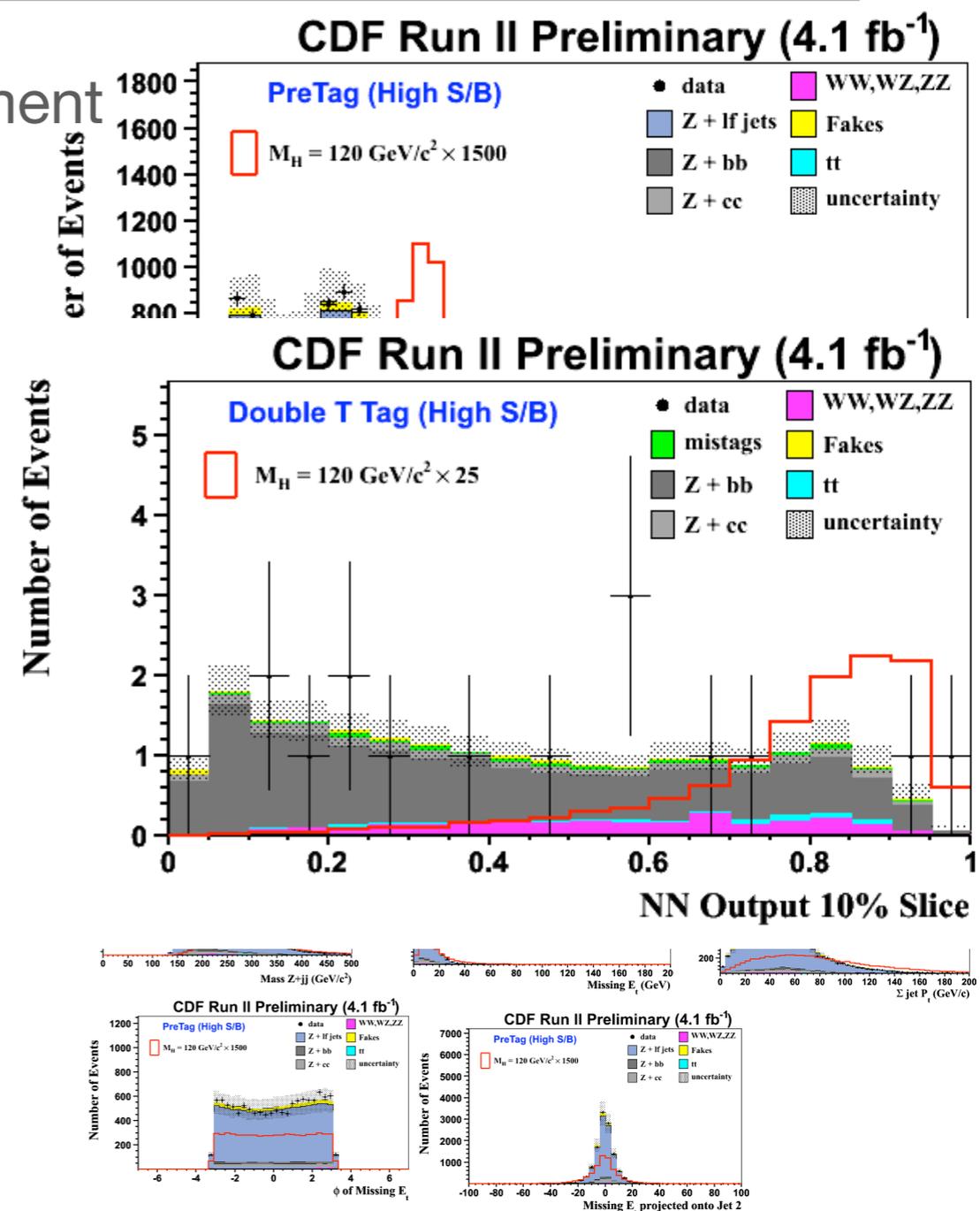
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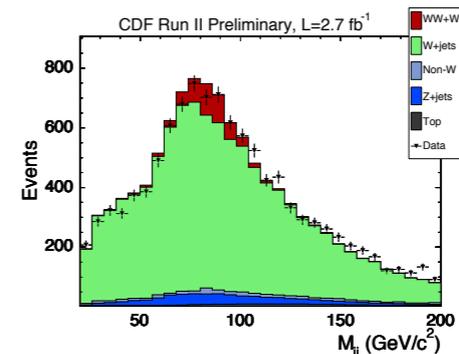
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- Exploit all possible information in an event: **multivariate discriminants**
- Devise function that discriminates signal-like events from background-like
  - Takes in as many measured quantities as possible
  - Examples:
    - Matrix element (ME) probabilities
    - Artificial neural networks (NN)
    - Boosted decision trees

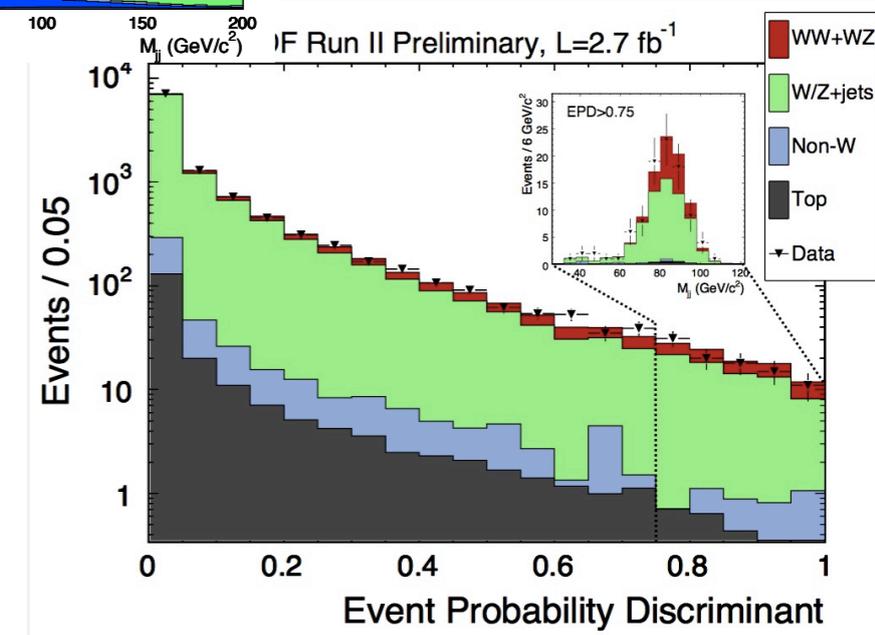


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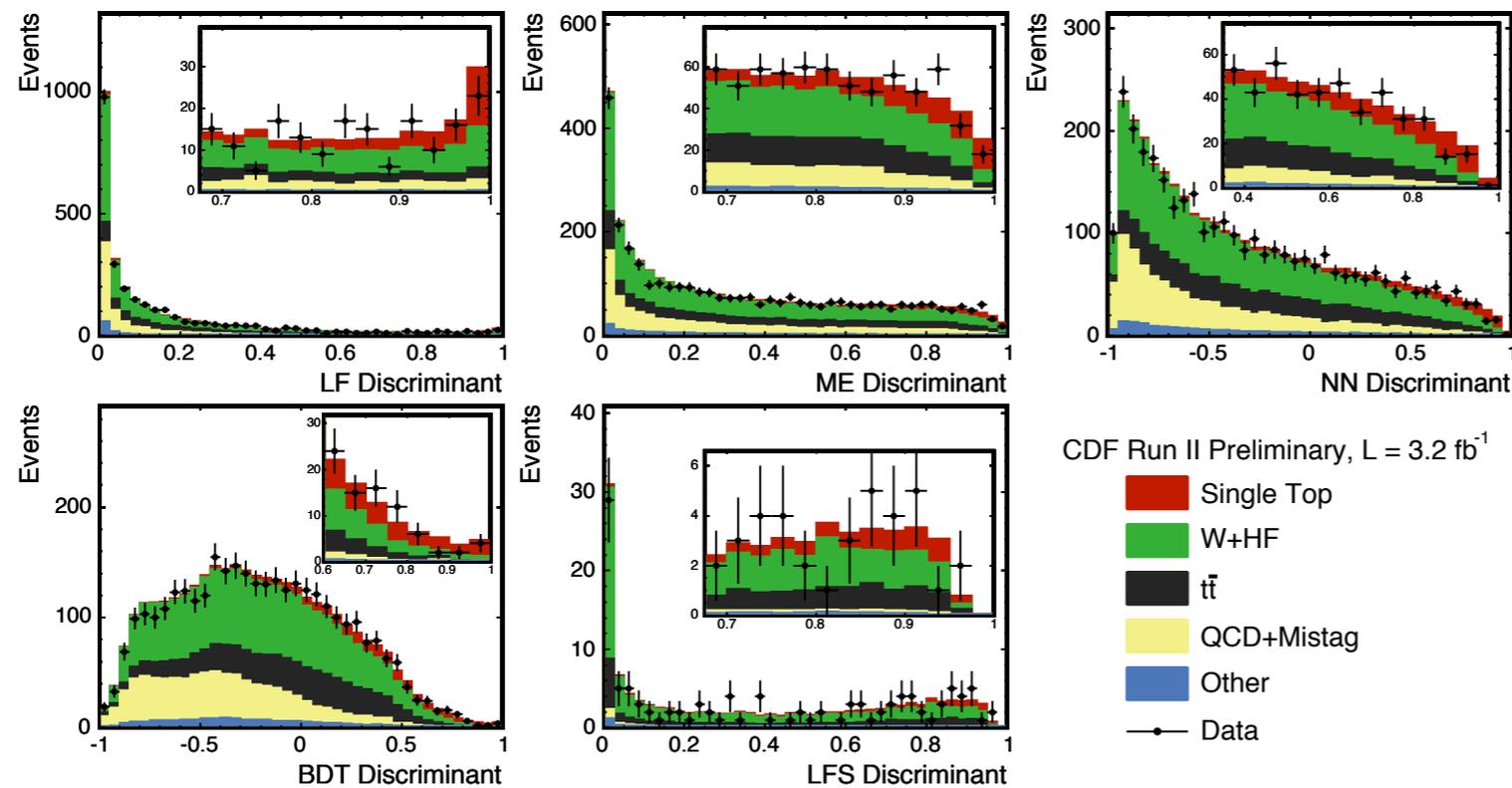
- Can we discover rare processes using these techniques? **Yes**
  - Single top at both CDF and DØ
  - Hadronic decays of dibosons: very similar final states to low mass Higgs



**WW/WZ → lνjj**



## Single top



CDF Run II Preliminary, L = 3.2 fb<sup>-1</sup>

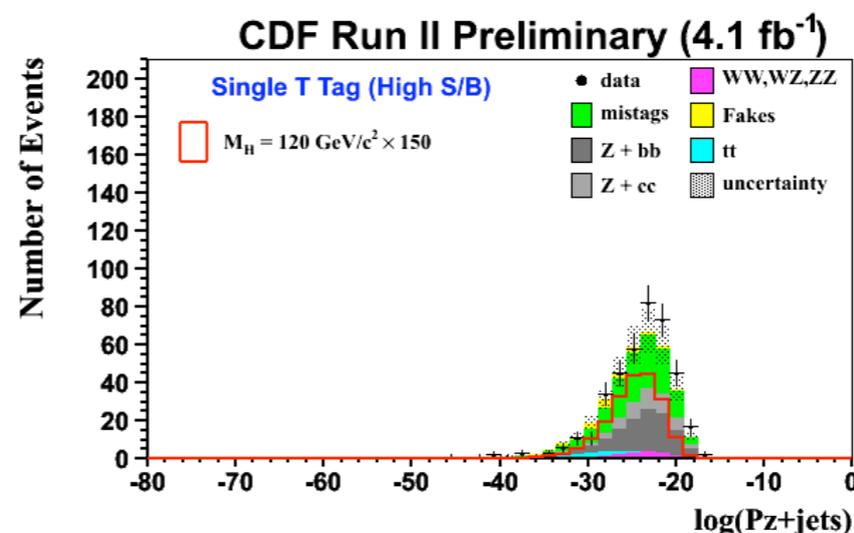
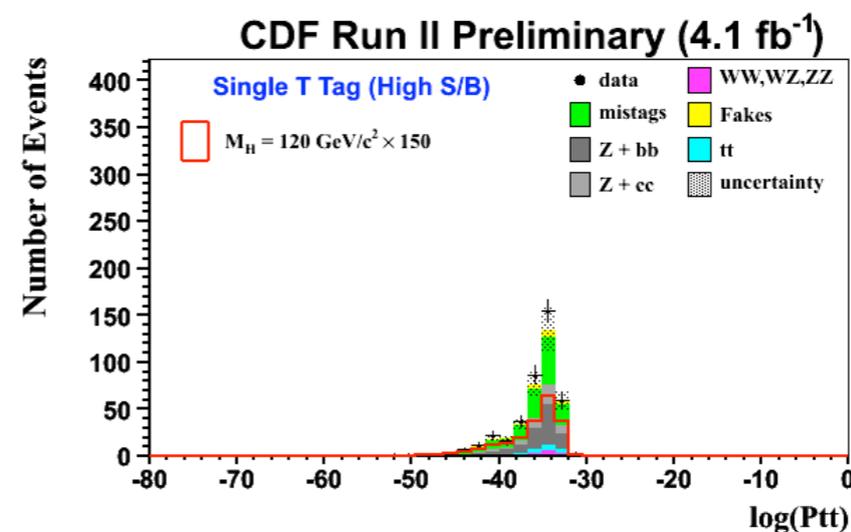
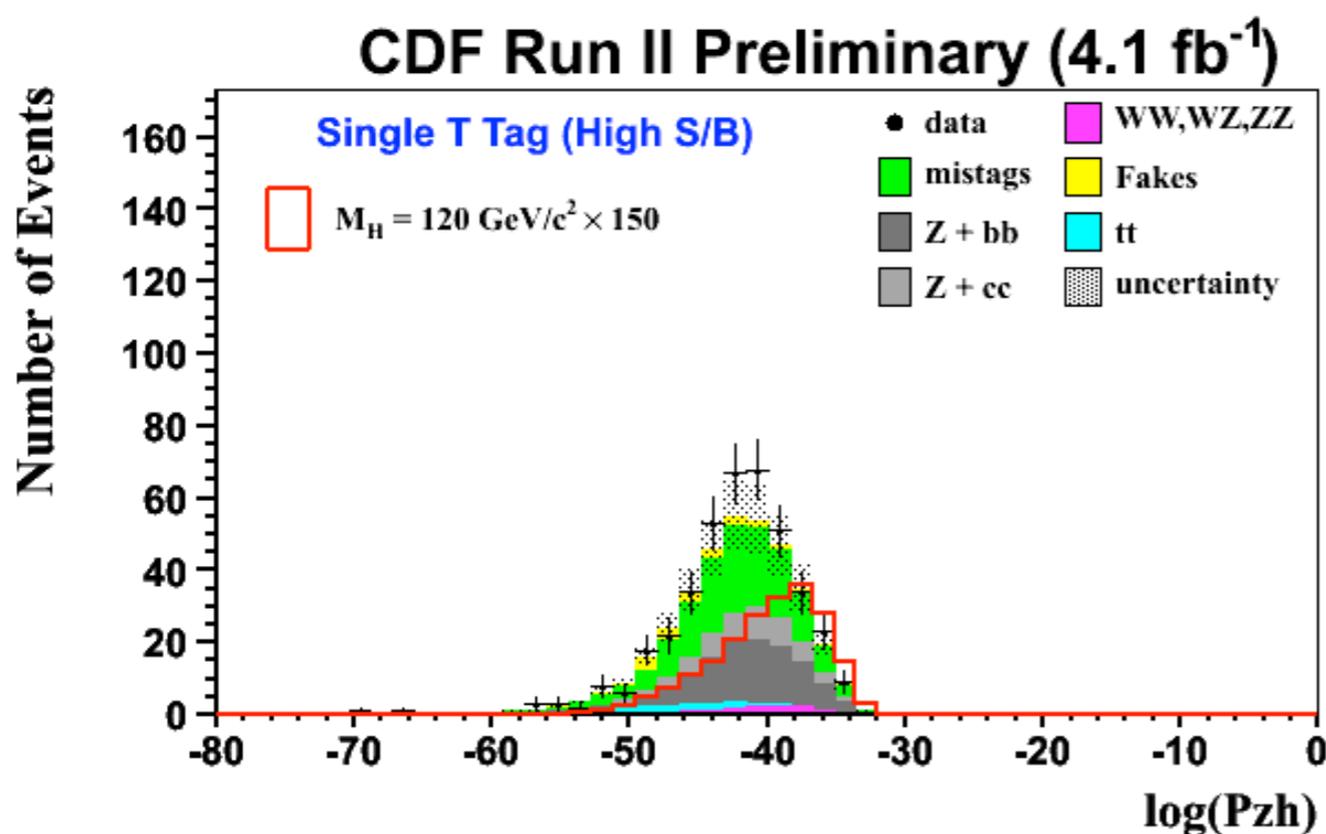
- Single Top
- W+HF
- t $\bar{t}$
- QCD+Mistag
- Other
- Data

# Signal enhancement: ME probabilities

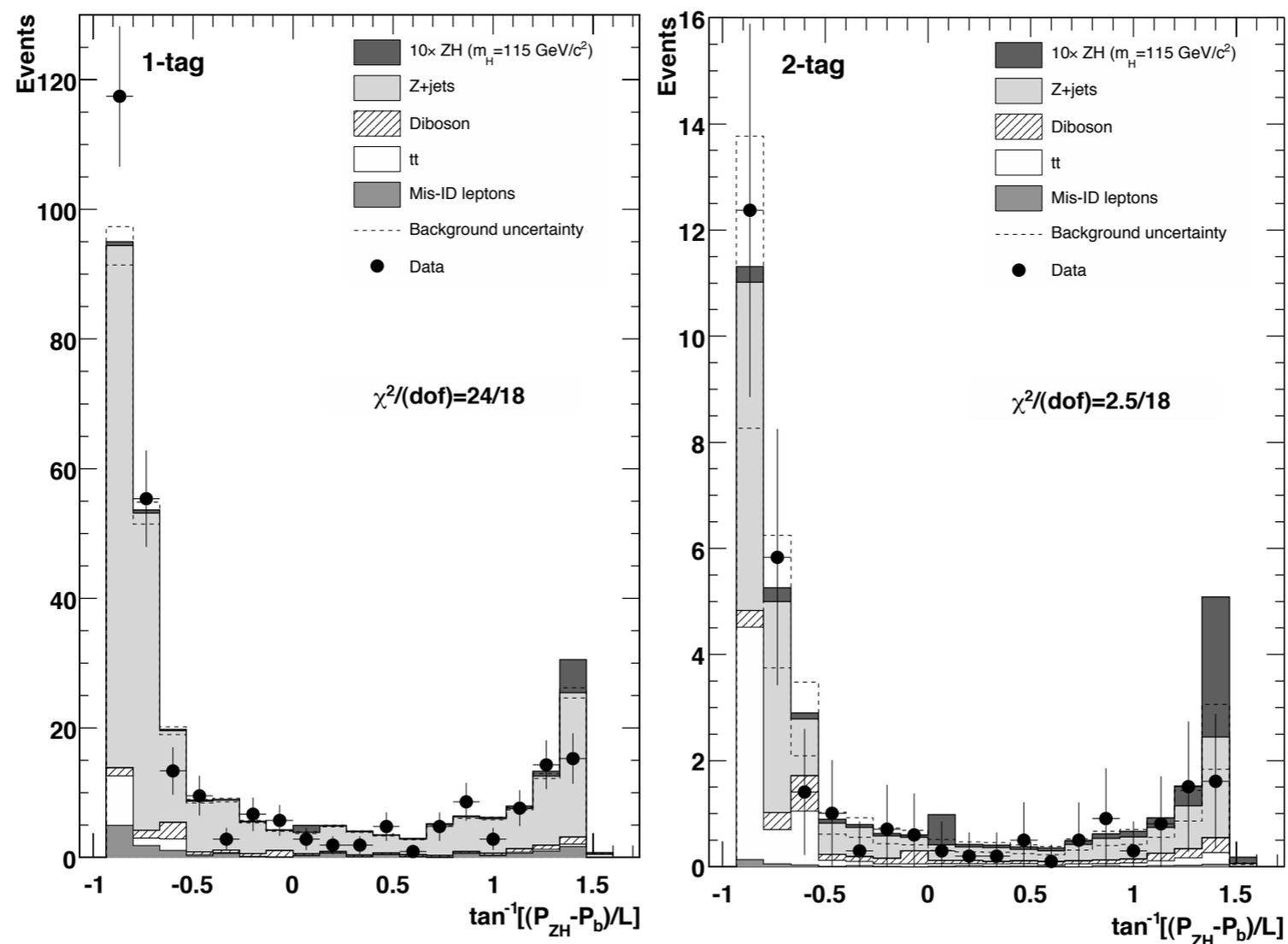
- Calculate differential cross section for a given process

$$P(\mathbf{x}|M_H) \propto \frac{d\sigma(M_H)}{d\mathbf{x}} = \int d\Phi |\mathcal{M}_{ZH}(p_i; M_H)|^2 \prod W(p_i, \mathbf{x}) f_{PDF}(q_1) f_{PDF}(q_2)$$

- Uses leading-order matrix element
  - Easily obtained from ME generators
  - Transfer functions to link measured quantities to parton-level quantities
- Calculate for signal and background processes



# Discriminating with ME probabilities



- Combined probability

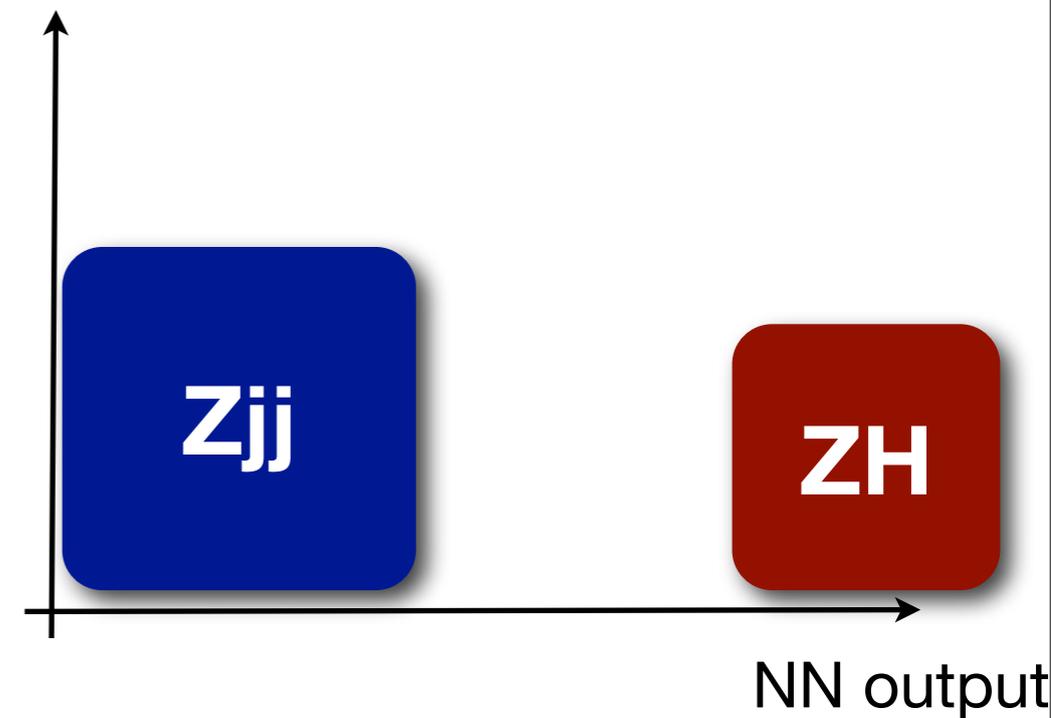
$$P(\mathbf{x}|s, M_H) = s \cdot P_{ZH}(\mathbf{x}|M_H) + (1 - s) \cdot P_b(\mathbf{x})$$

- Form likelihood as function of signal fraction

# Signal enhancement: Neural networks

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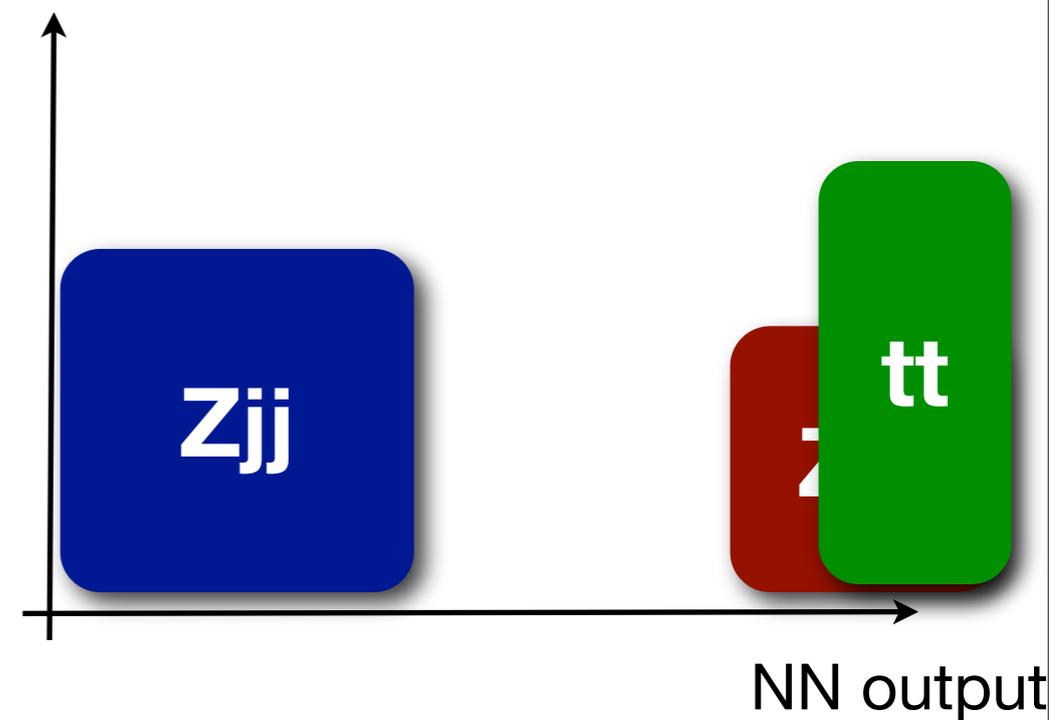
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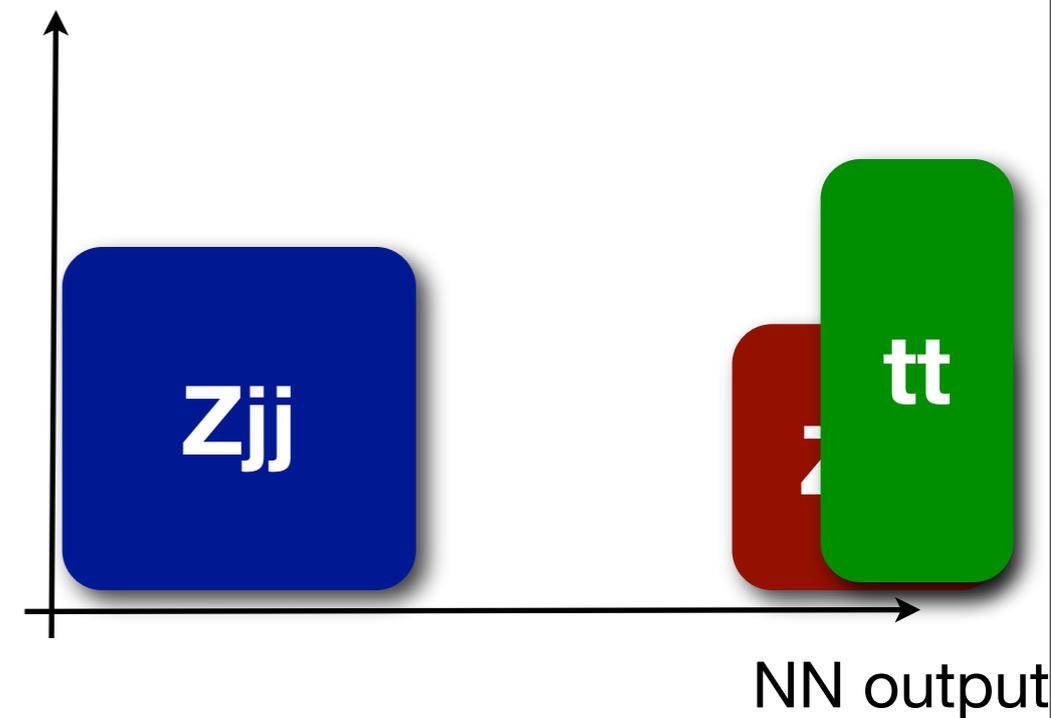
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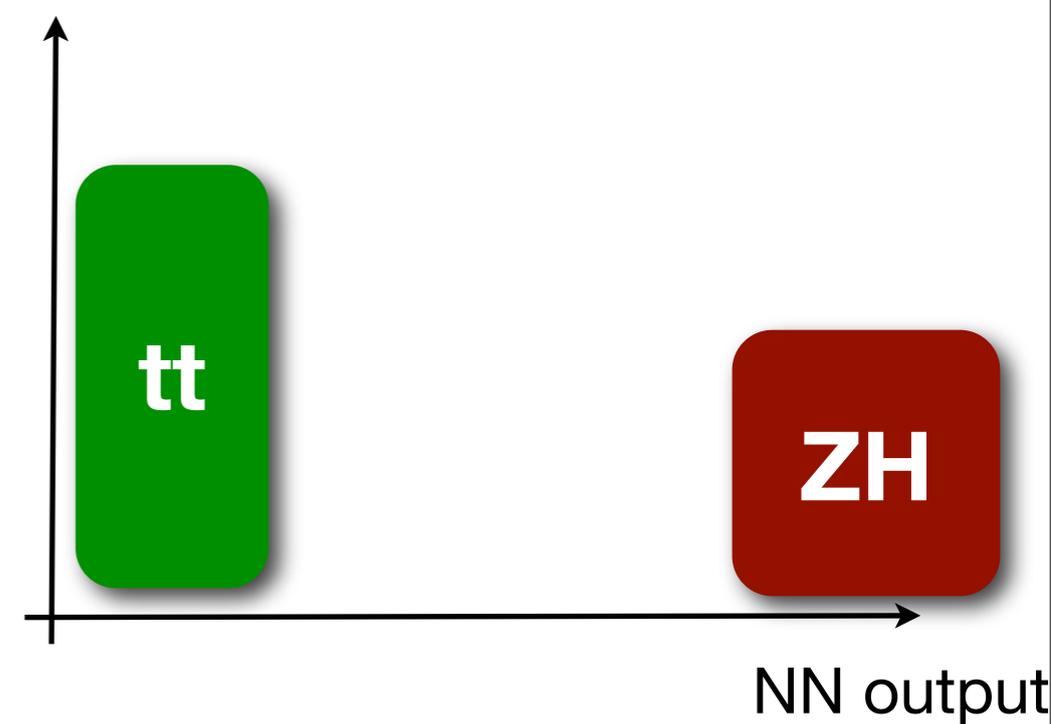
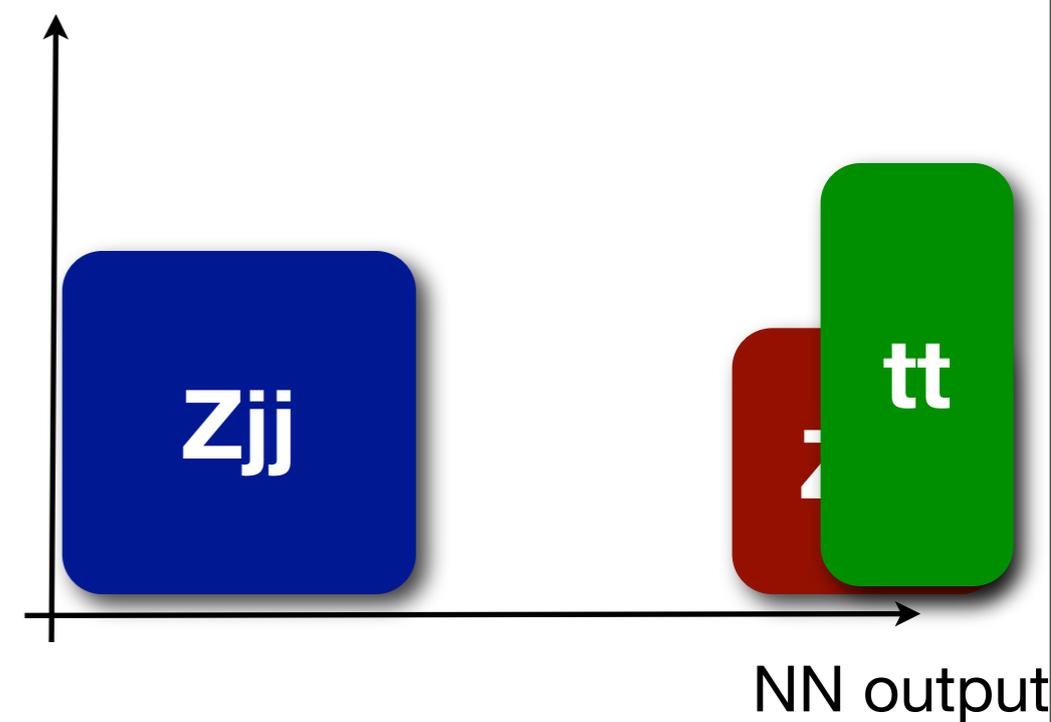
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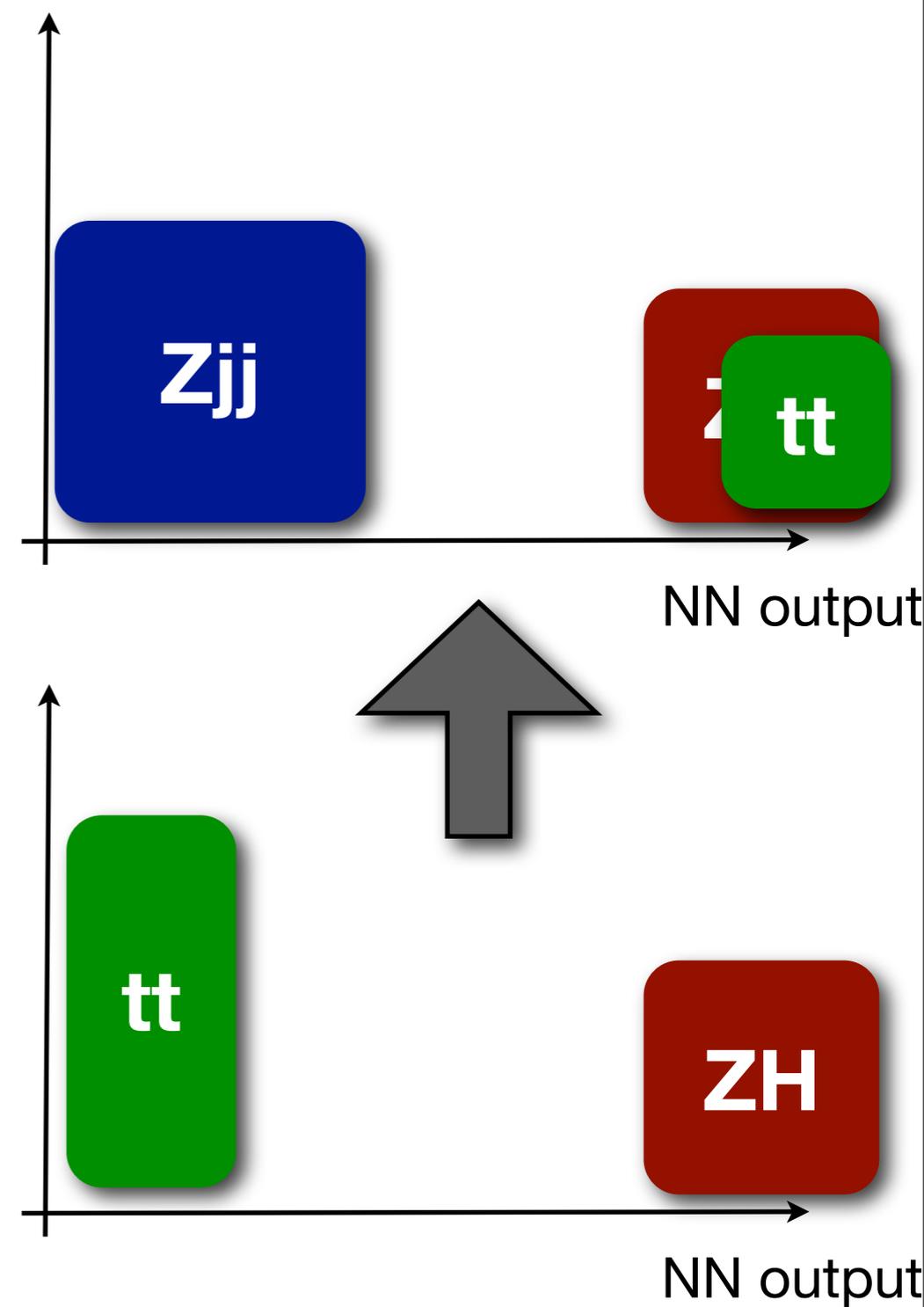
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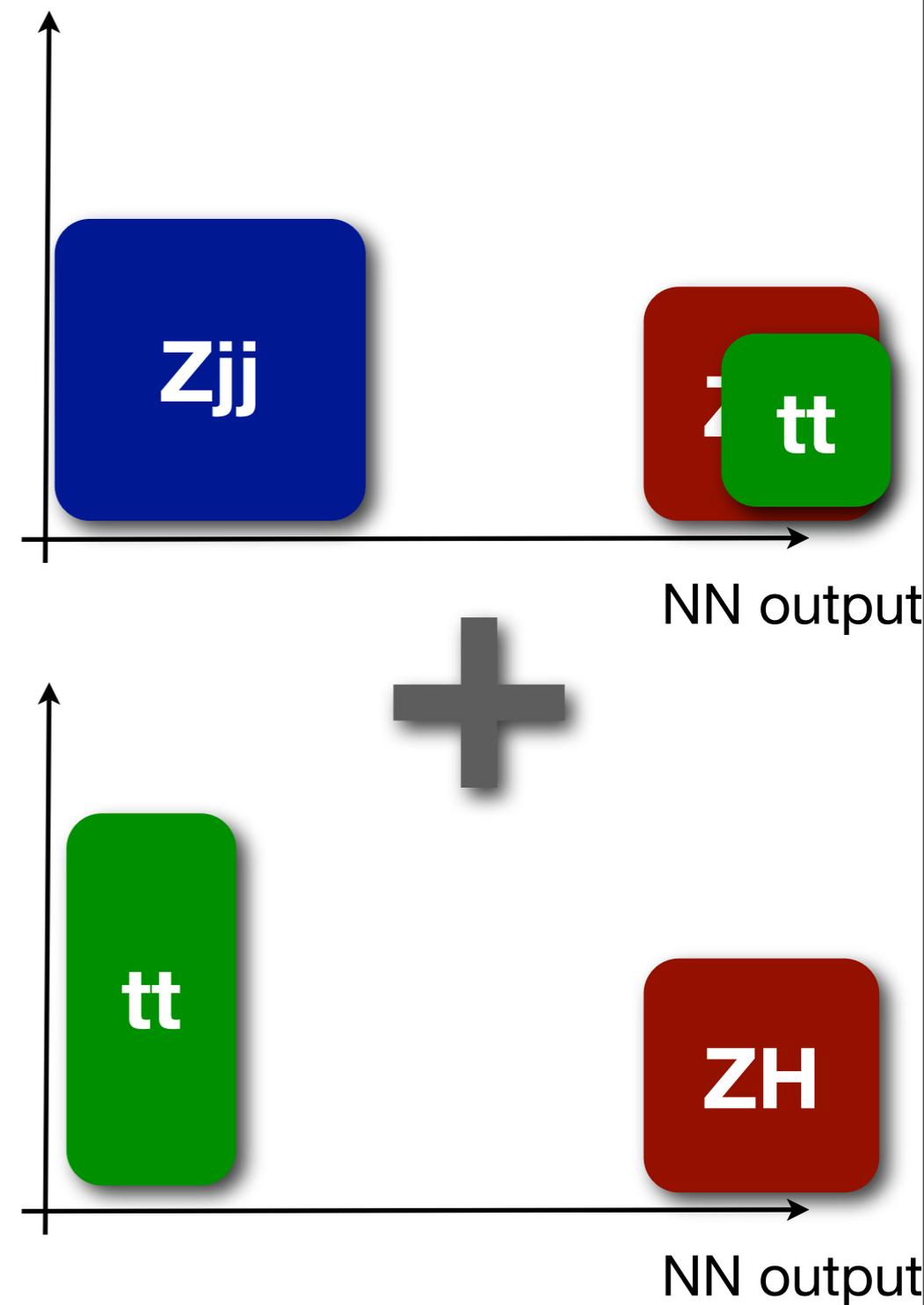
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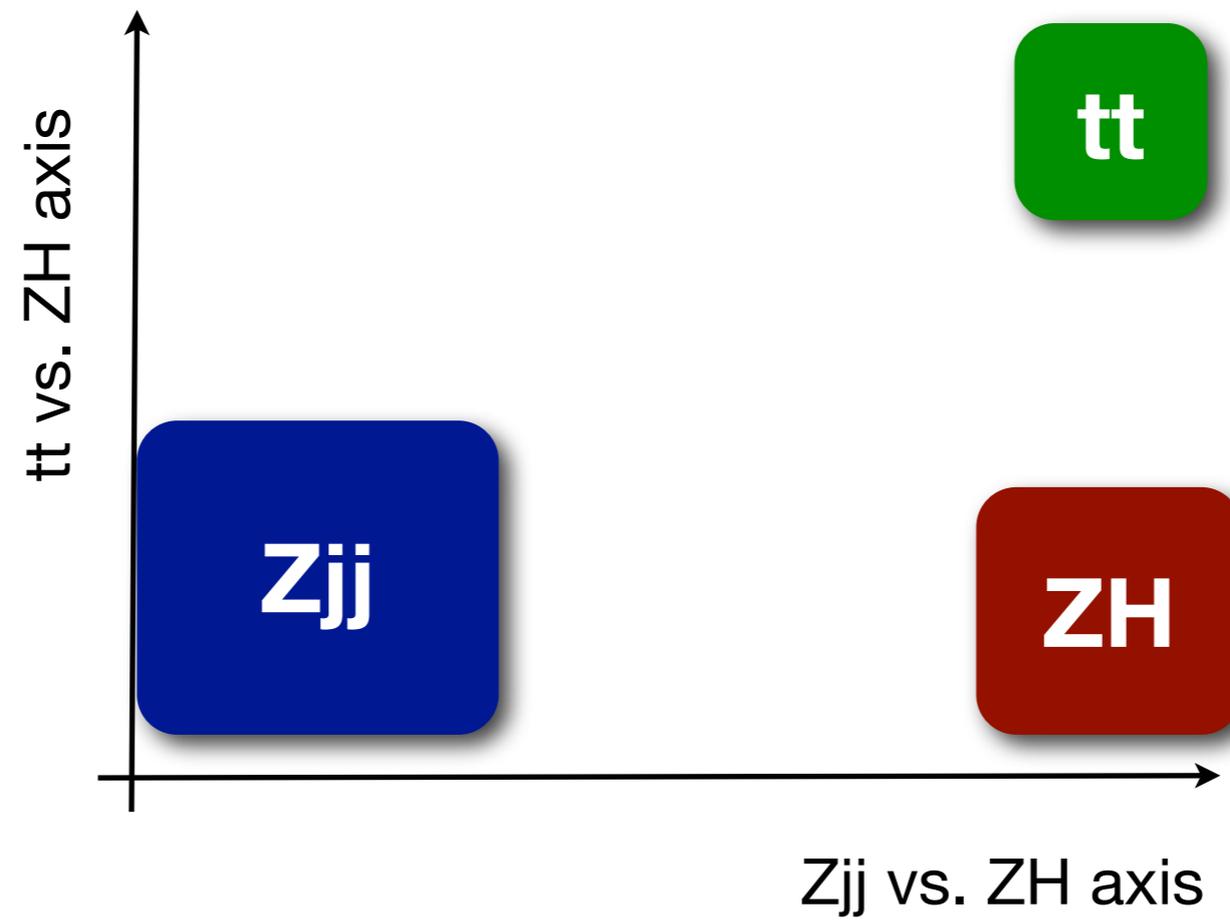
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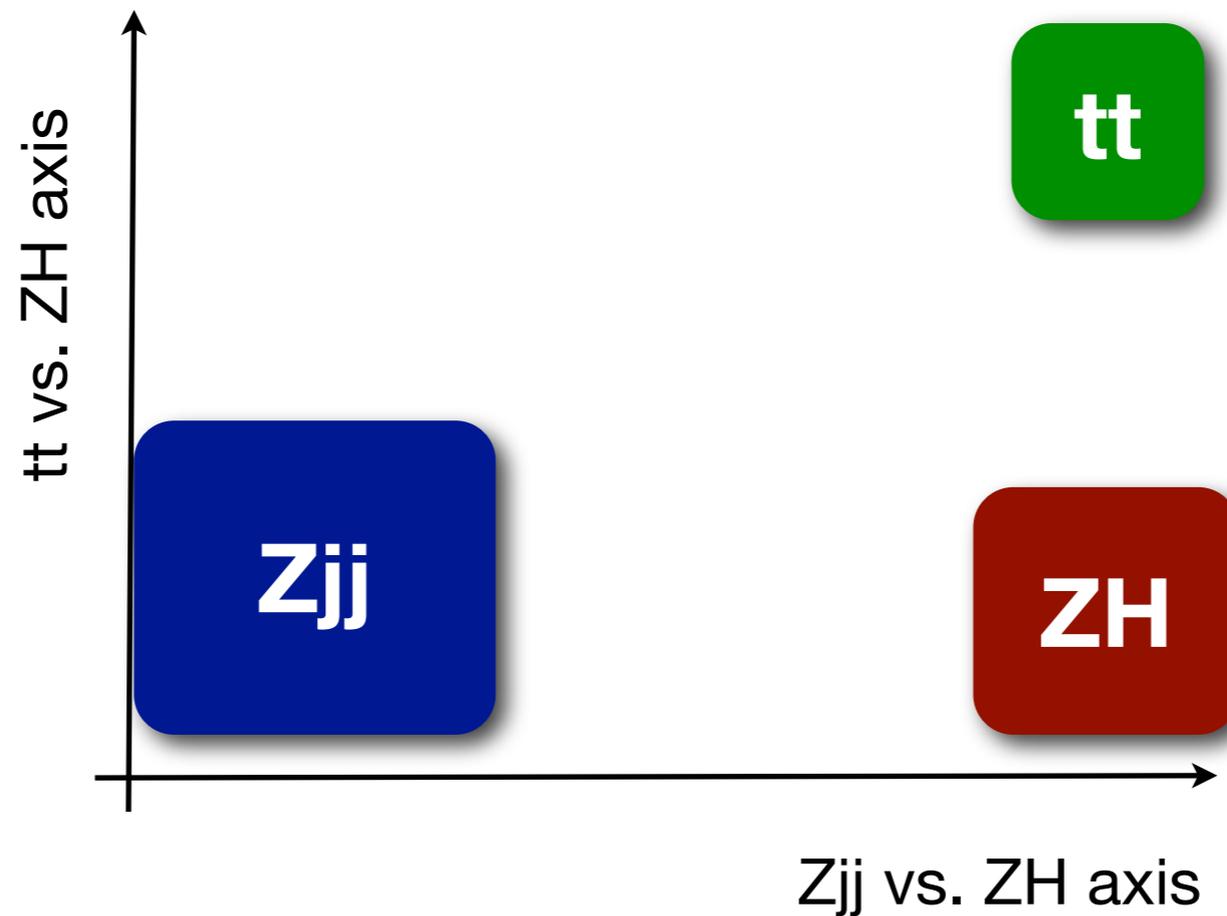
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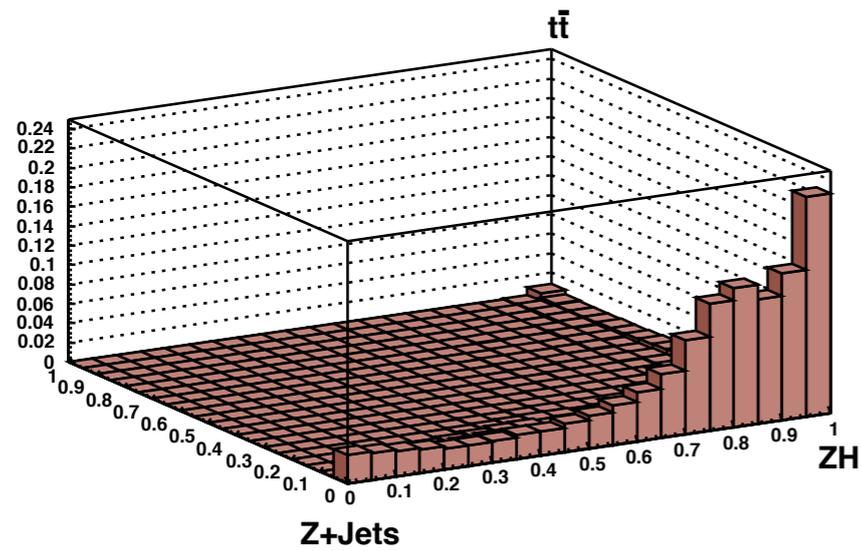
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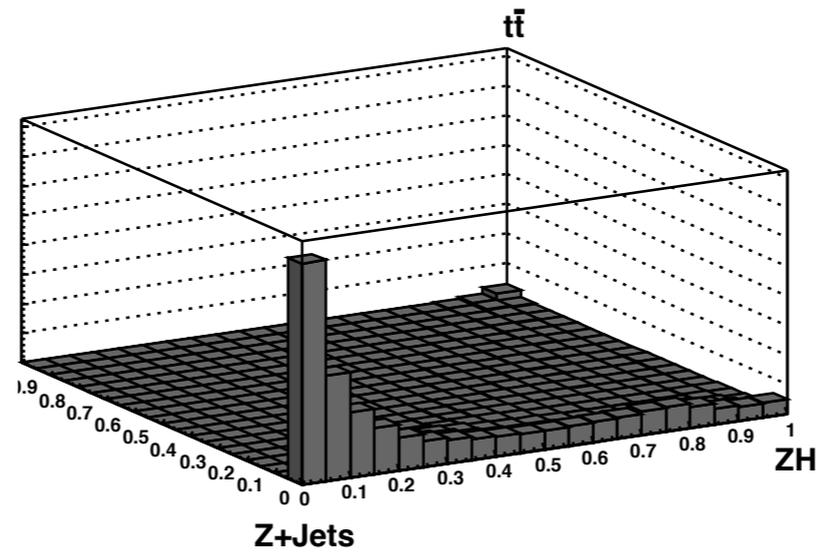
- Train separate NNs for each sample (low vs. high S/B, tagging categories)

# 2D Neural Net

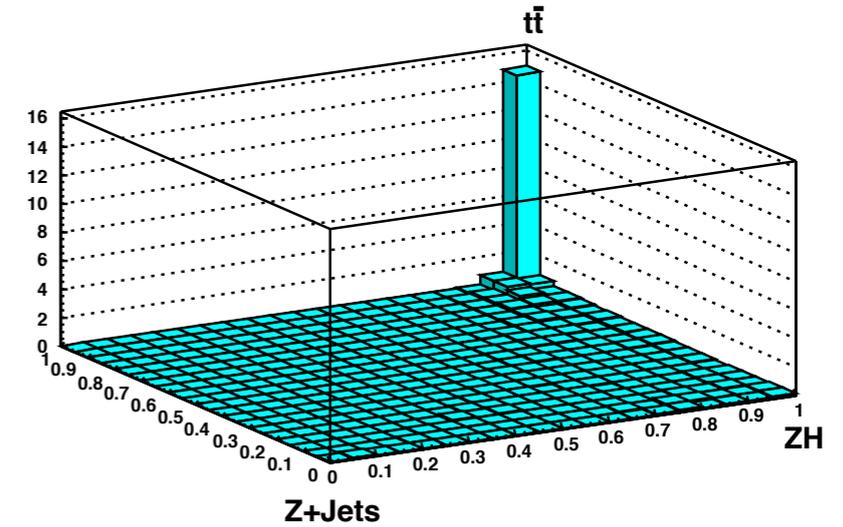
### NN output for signal



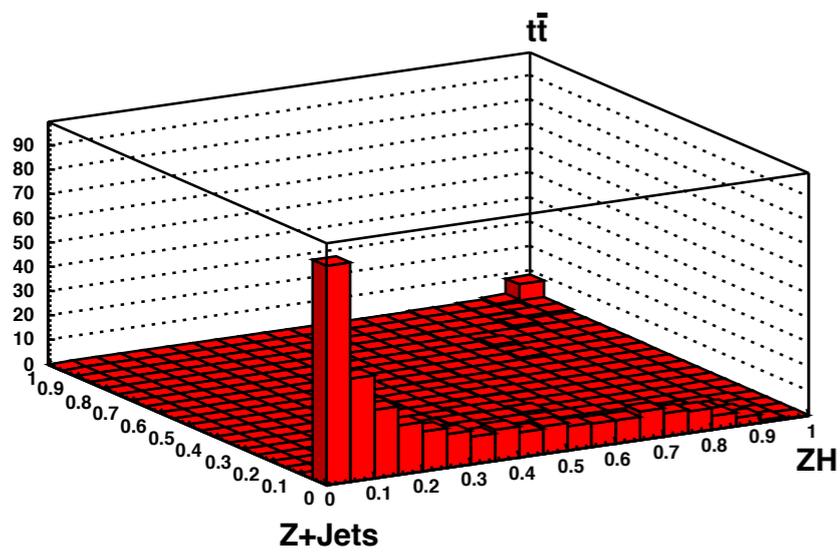
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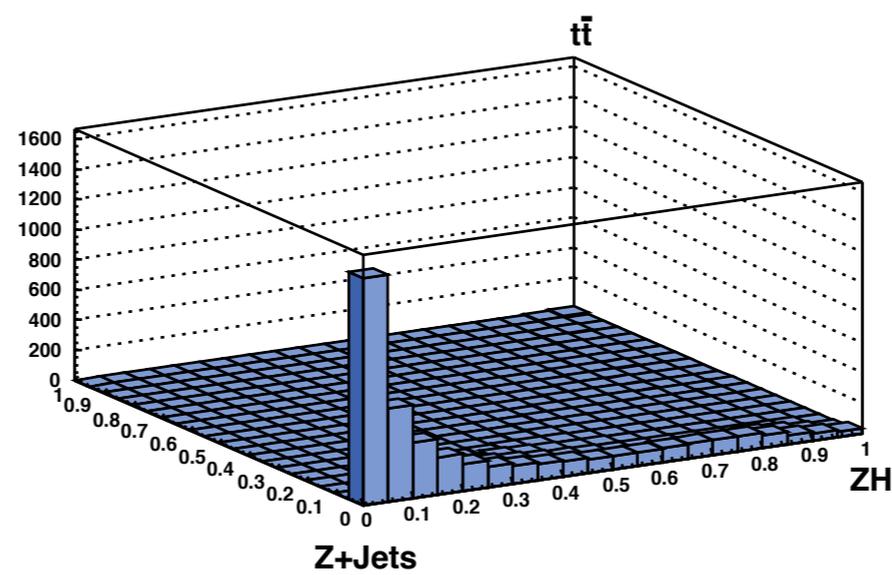
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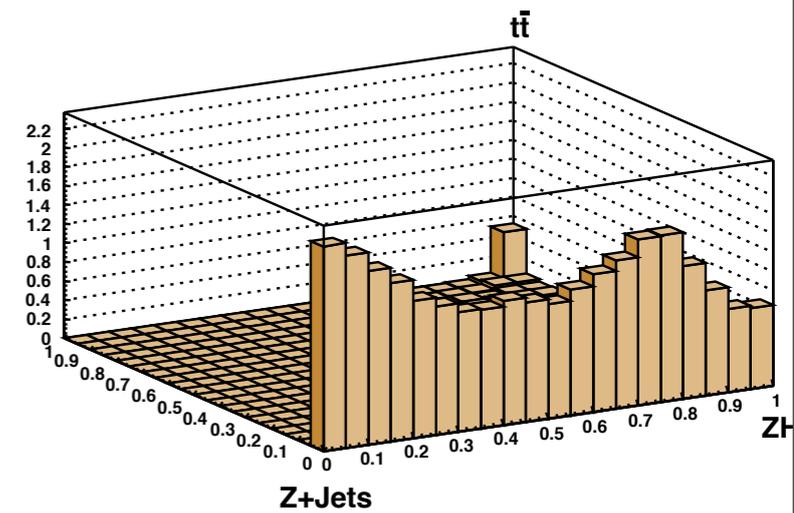
### NN output for fakes



### NN output for Z+jets

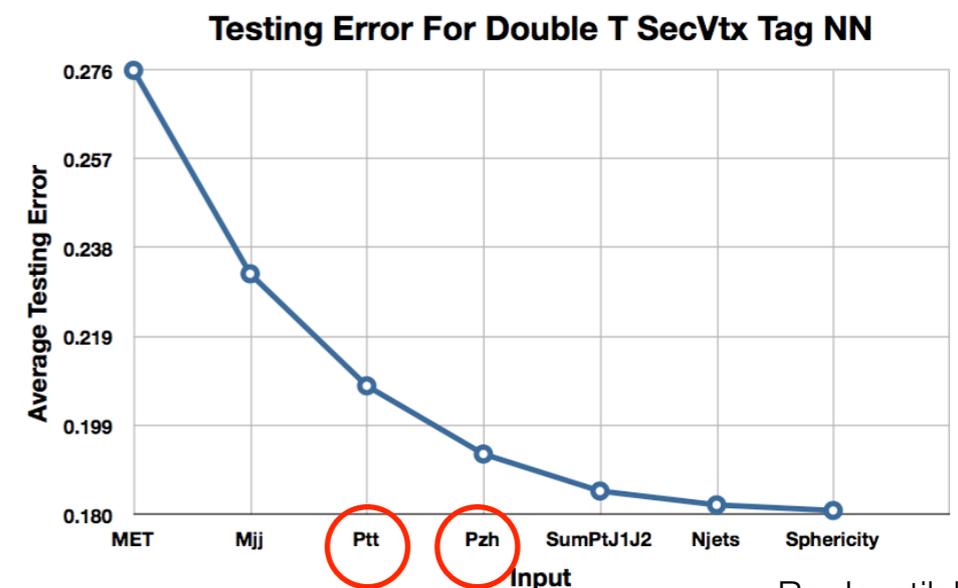
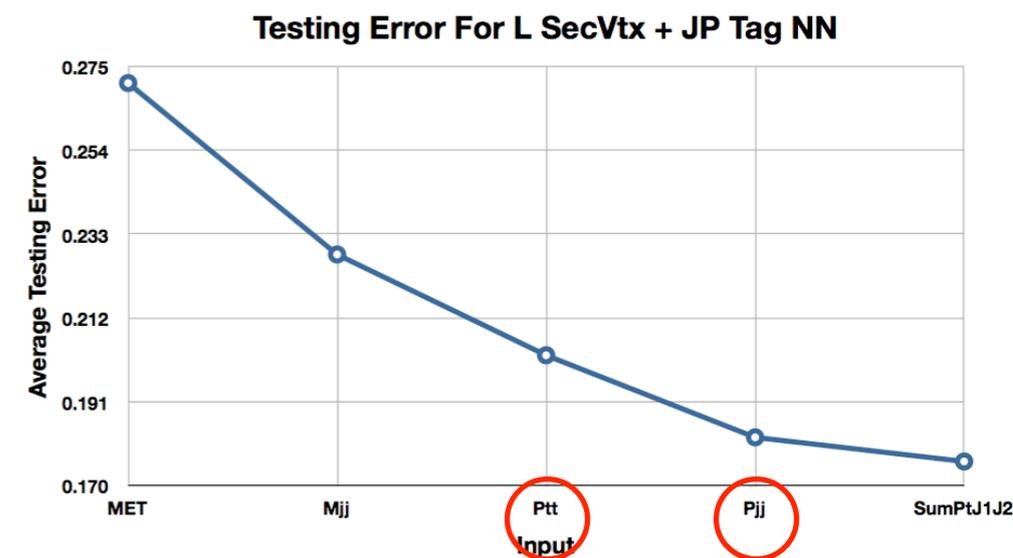
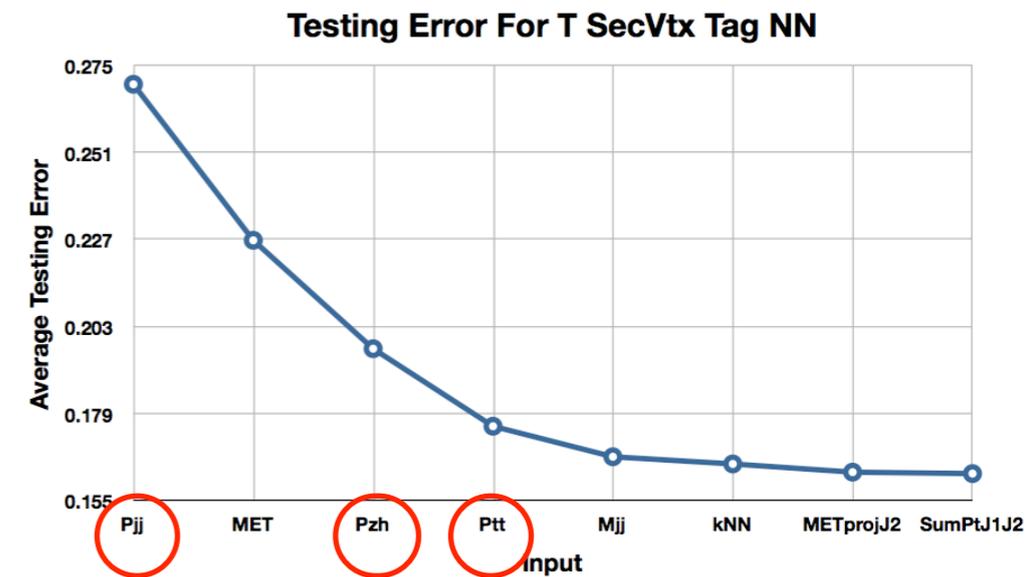


### NN output for ZZ



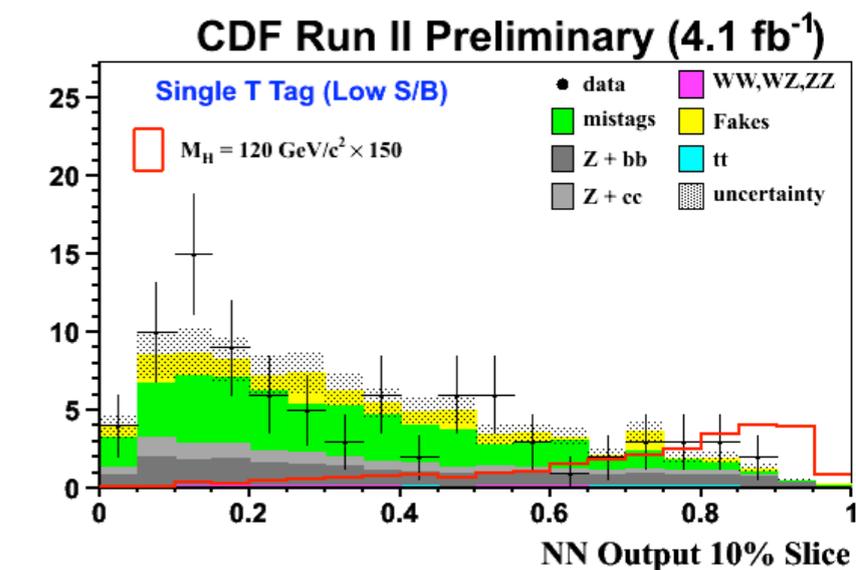
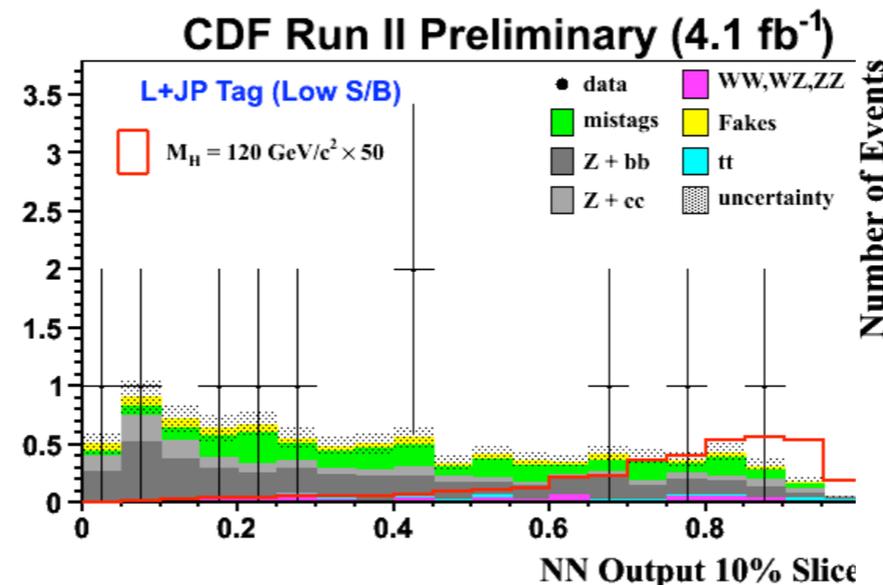
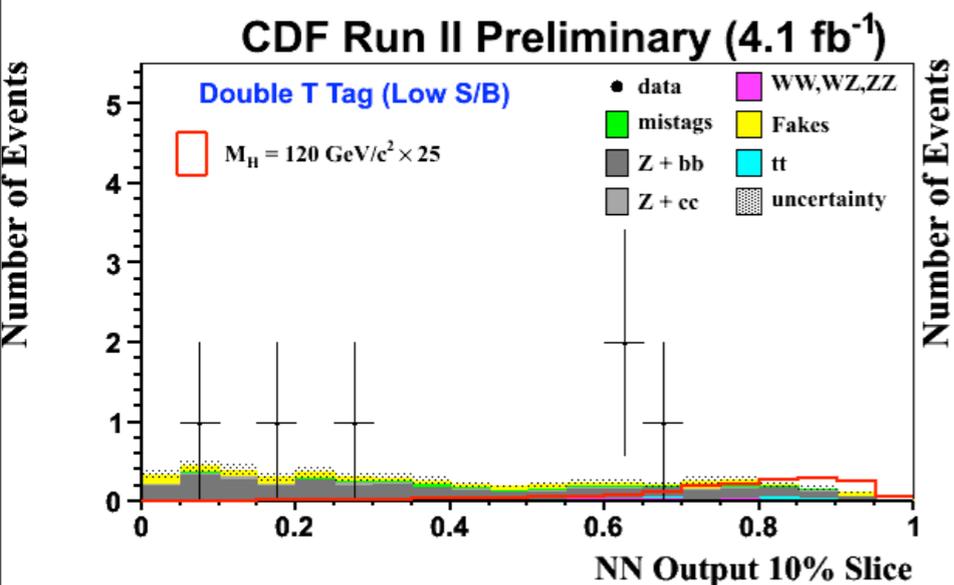
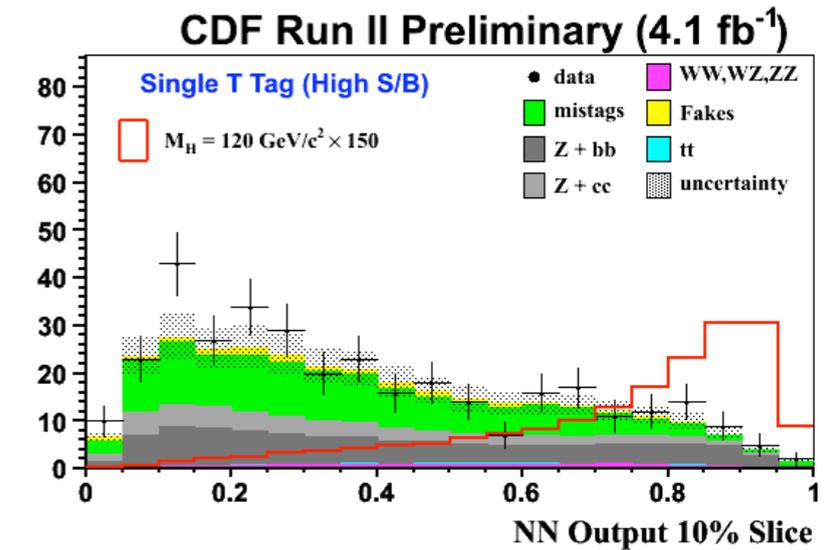
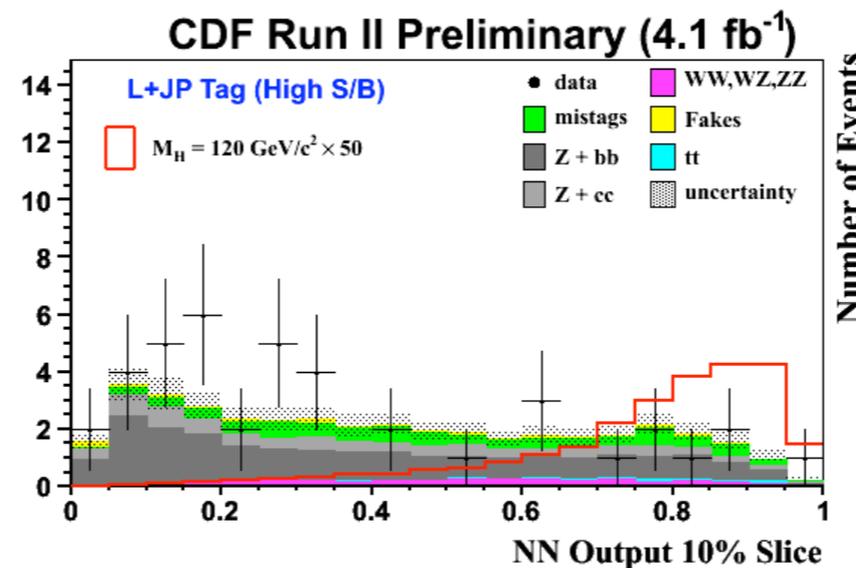
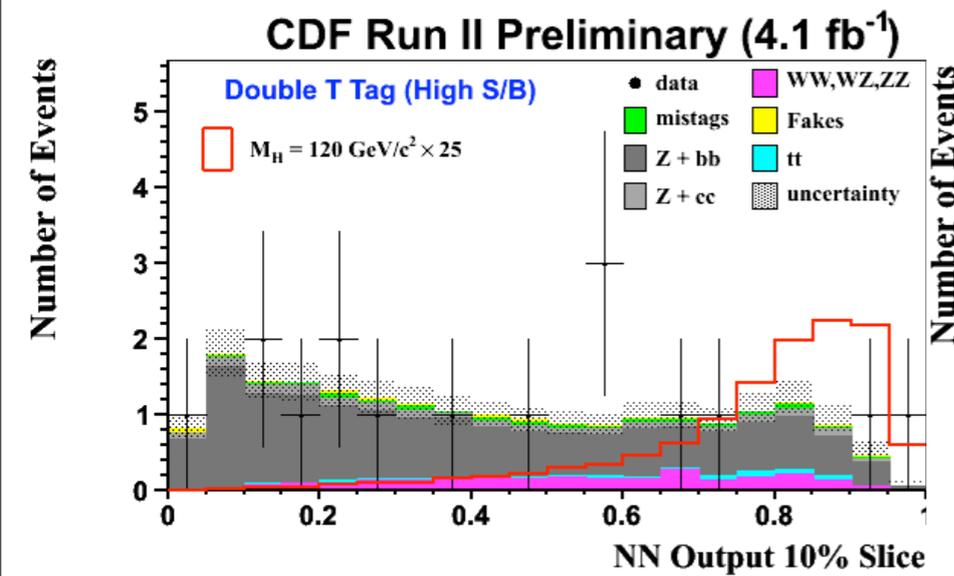
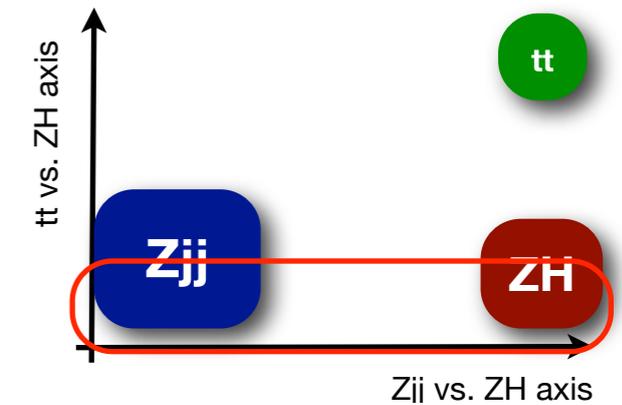
# With 2.4-2.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>

- Perform analysis with 2D NN and ME separately
- 2D NN, 2.4 fb<sup>-1</sup>
  - Observe (expect) **11.6 (11.8) × σ<sub>SM</sub>** @95% CL for m<sub>H</sub>=115 GeV
- ME, 2.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>
  - Observe (expect) **8.2 (12.1) × σ<sub>SM</sub>** @95% CL for m<sub>H</sub>=115 GeV
  - Phys. Rev. D **80**, 071101 (2009) Rapid Comm.
- How overlapping is the information?
  - Feed in ME probabilities as potential input variables for ME
  - ME probabilities consistently rank high
- Including ME probabilities improves results over NN alone by up to 15%



# NN Validation

- Project 10% slice in  $t\bar{t}$  direction along  $Z_{jj}$  vs.  $Z_H$  axis
  - Train separate NN for each subsample



# Systematic uncertainties

systematic uncertainty		Samples affected
Tevatron Luminosity	0.05	All MC
CDF Luminosity	0.04	All MC
$Z+h.f$ cross-section	0.40	$Z + bb, Z + cc$
$t\bar{t}$ cross-section	0.20	$t\bar{t}$
Diboson cross-sections	0.115	$ZZ, ZW, WW$
Mistag errors	NN Output Shape & Acceptance	Mistags
Lepton ID	0.01	All MC
B-tag scale factor	0.04	All single tag MC
	0.08	All double SecVtx tag MC
	0.11	All Loose + JP tag MC
Fakes	0.50	Fake $ee, \mu\mu$
JES	NN Output Shape & Acceptance	All MC
ISR & FSR	NN Output Shape & Acceptance	Signal MC
ZH cross-section	0.05	ZH MC
EM energy scale	0.015	All MC

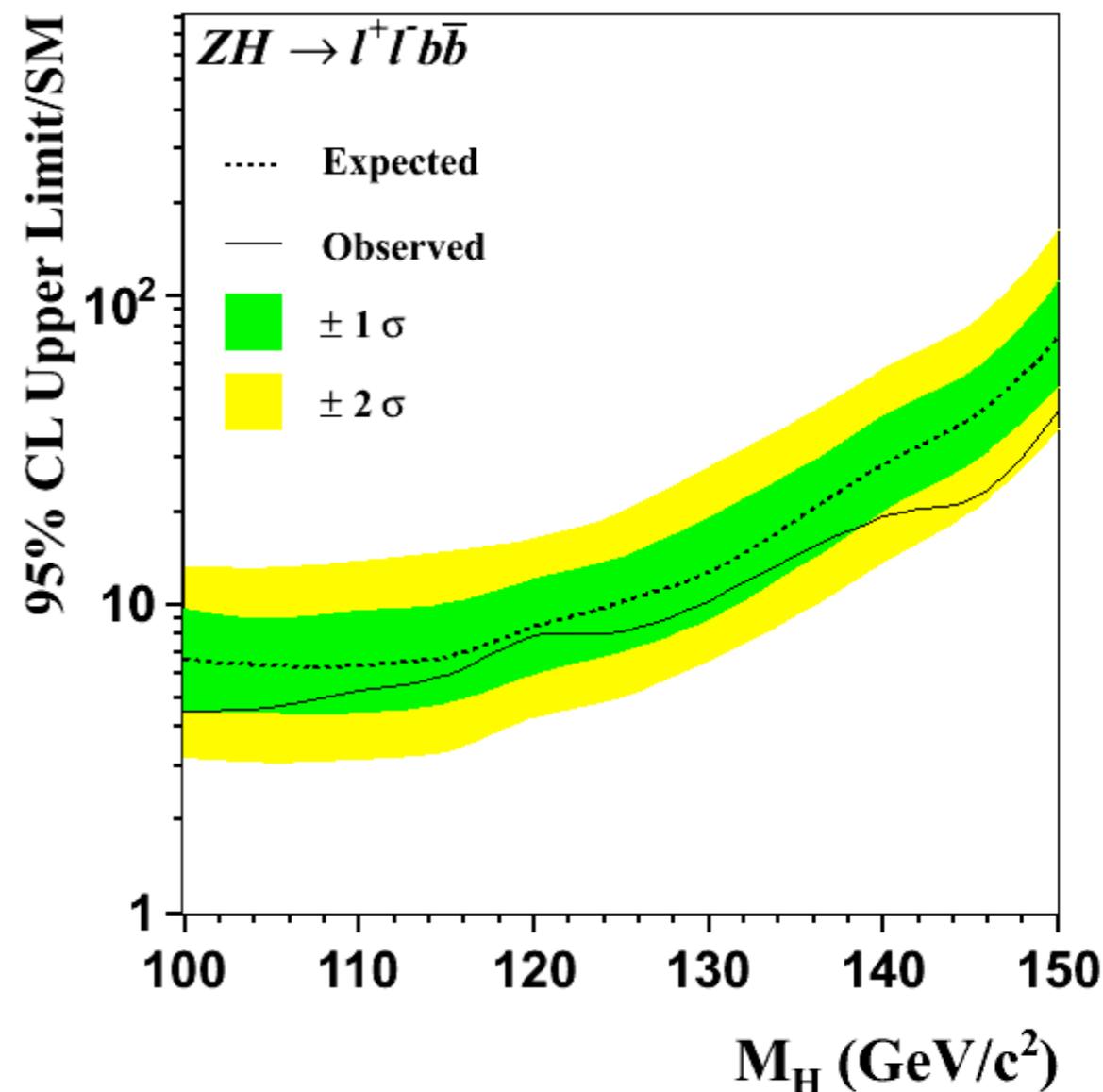
# Step 4: Results

Expected and Observed 95% CL Upper Limits for Individual Channels @  $M_H = 115 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

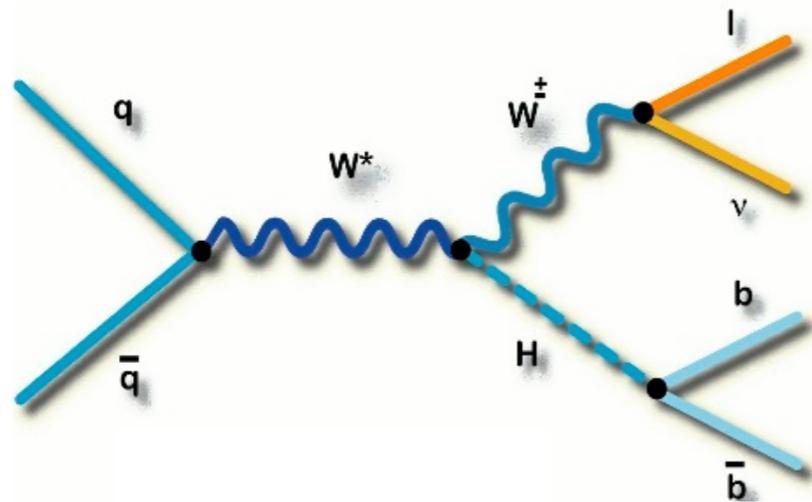
Channel	Data	Background	S/ $\sqrt{B}$	Expected $^{+1\sigma}_{-1\sigma}$	Observed
Double Tag High S/B	23	$29.3 \pm 7.0$	0.13	$12.1 \pm \begin{smallmatrix} 5.7 \\ 5.5 \end{smallmatrix}$	11.3
L+JP Tag High S/B	56	$52.8 \pm 10.5$	0.09	$15.98 \pm \begin{smallmatrix} 6.95 \\ 7.6 \end{smallmatrix}$	10.6
Single Tag High S/B	406	$366.1 \pm 55.9$	0.09	$15.5 \pm \begin{smallmatrix} 7.1 \\ 7.98 \end{smallmatrix}$	16.9
Double Tag Low S/B	12	$8.7 \pm 1.7$	0.04	$49.2 \pm \begin{smallmatrix} 18.95 \\ 19.9 \end{smallmatrix}$	58.2
L+JP Tag Low S/B	14	$14.3 \pm 2.4$	0.03	$50.6 \pm \begin{smallmatrix} 21.6 \\ 21.99 \end{smallmatrix}$	71.1
Single Tag Low S/B	116	$116.8 \pm 17.0$	0.02	$41.6 \pm \begin{smallmatrix} 19.99 \\ 20.04 \end{smallmatrix}$	38.5
Combined				$6.8 \pm \begin{smallmatrix} 3.22 \\ 2.04 \end{smallmatrix}$	5.91

- All samples consistent with background
- Set combined limits for  $m_H$  [100,150]GeV
  - Observe (expect) **5.9 (6.8)** $\times\sigma_{SM}$  @95% CL for  $m_H=115 \text{ GeV}$

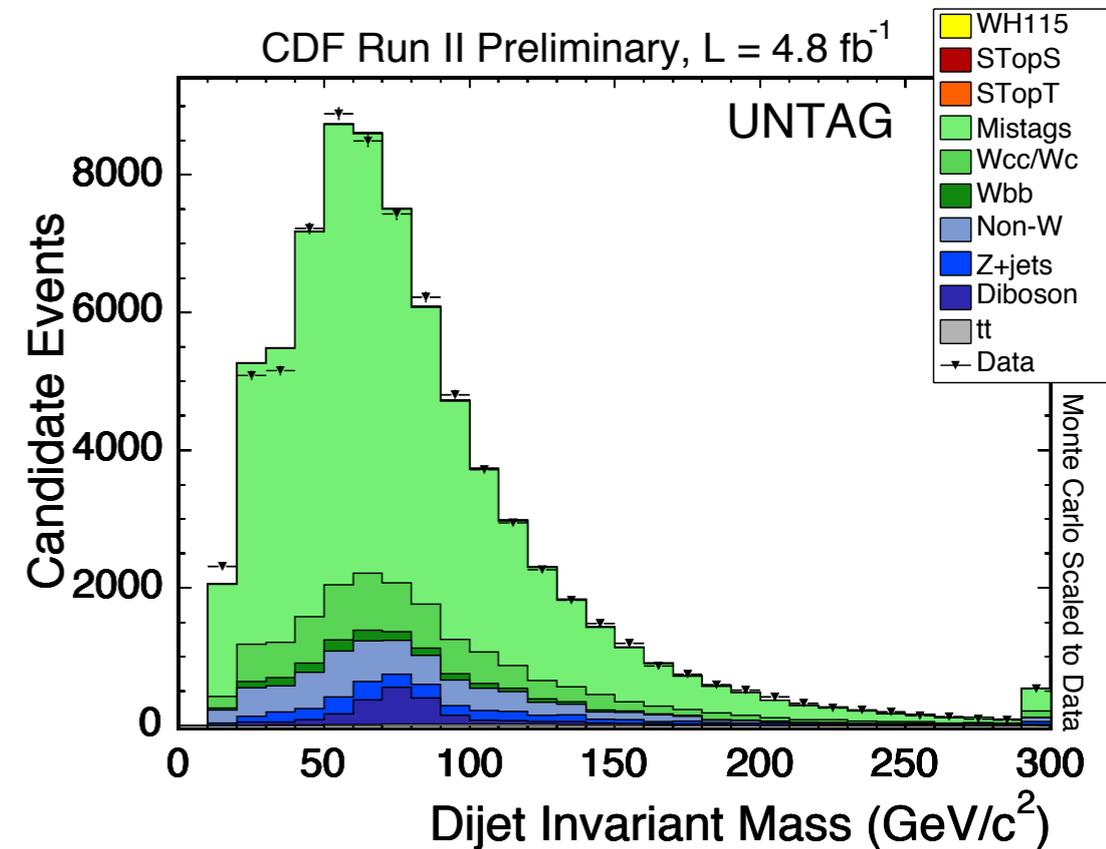
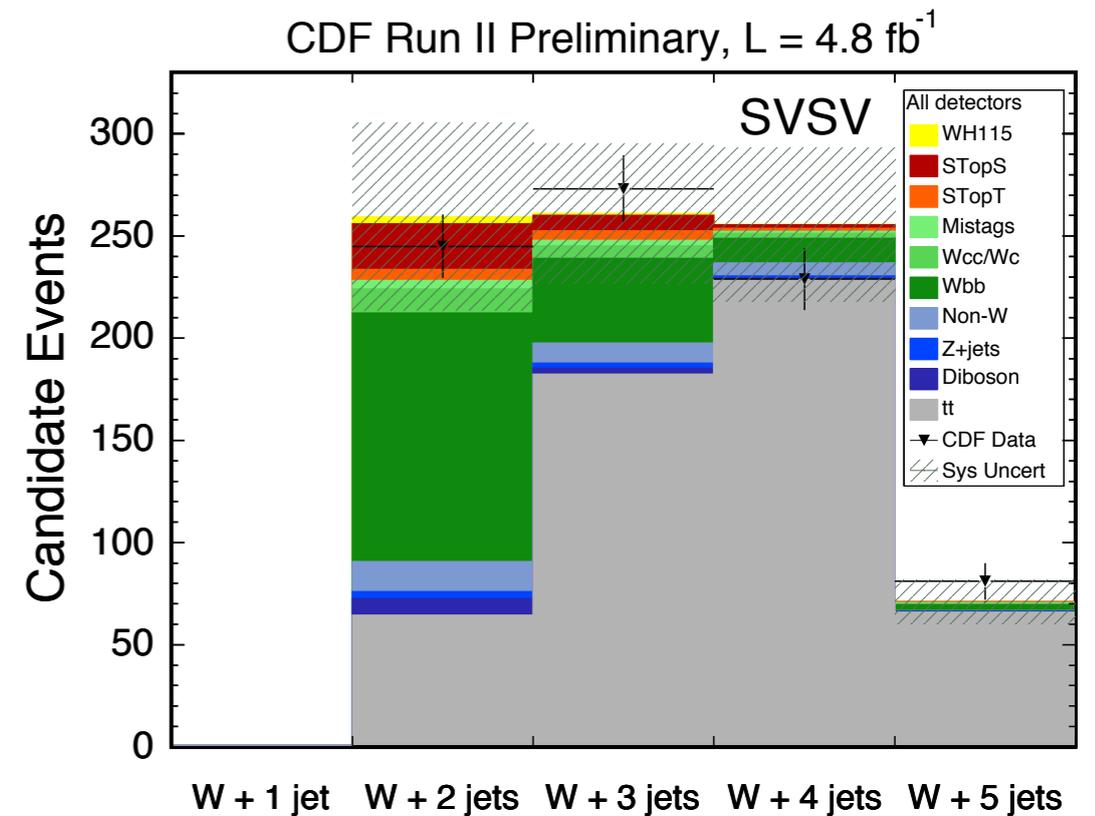
CDF Run II Preliminary (4.1 fb $^{-1}$ )



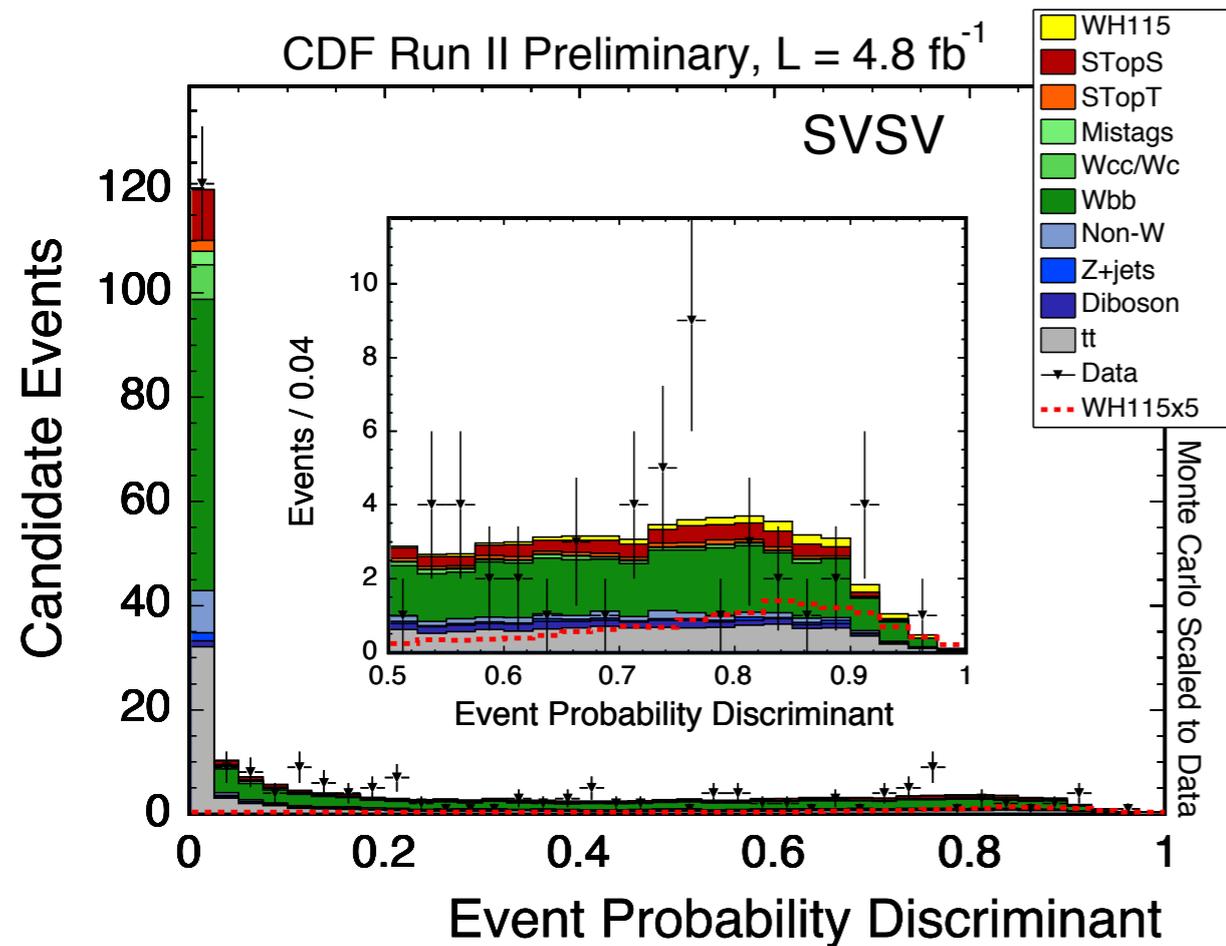
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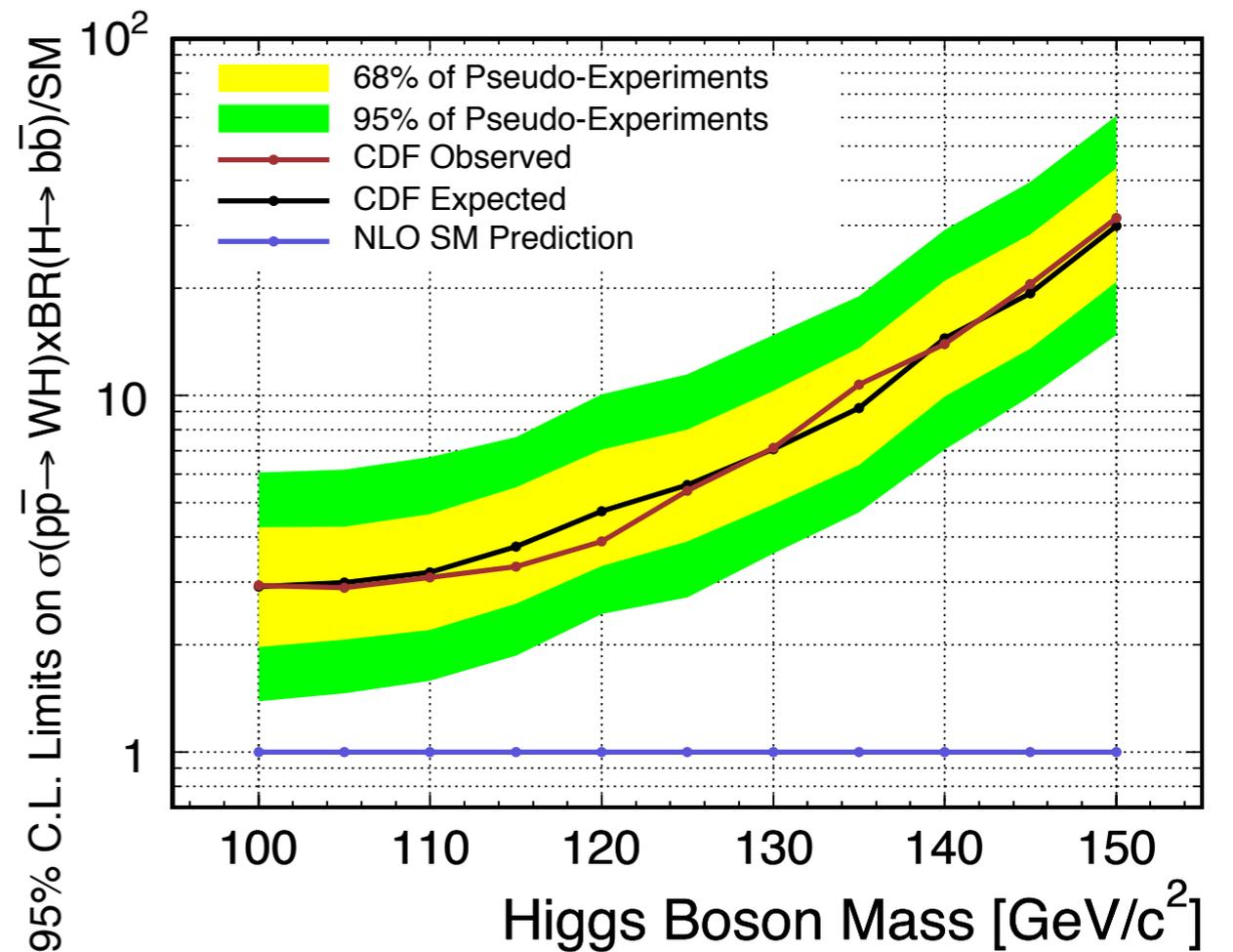
- Largest cross section of  $VH$  states with identified lepton
- Select events with high- $p_T$  electron or muon, 2 or 3 jets at least one with a  $b$ -tag, and large missing  $E_T$
- As with  $ZH$ , can use NN to improve dijet mass resolution
- Dominant backgrounds are  $W$ +jets, QCD multijet and top
- Split sample up according to number of jets and tags



# $WH \rightarrow \nu b b$ results



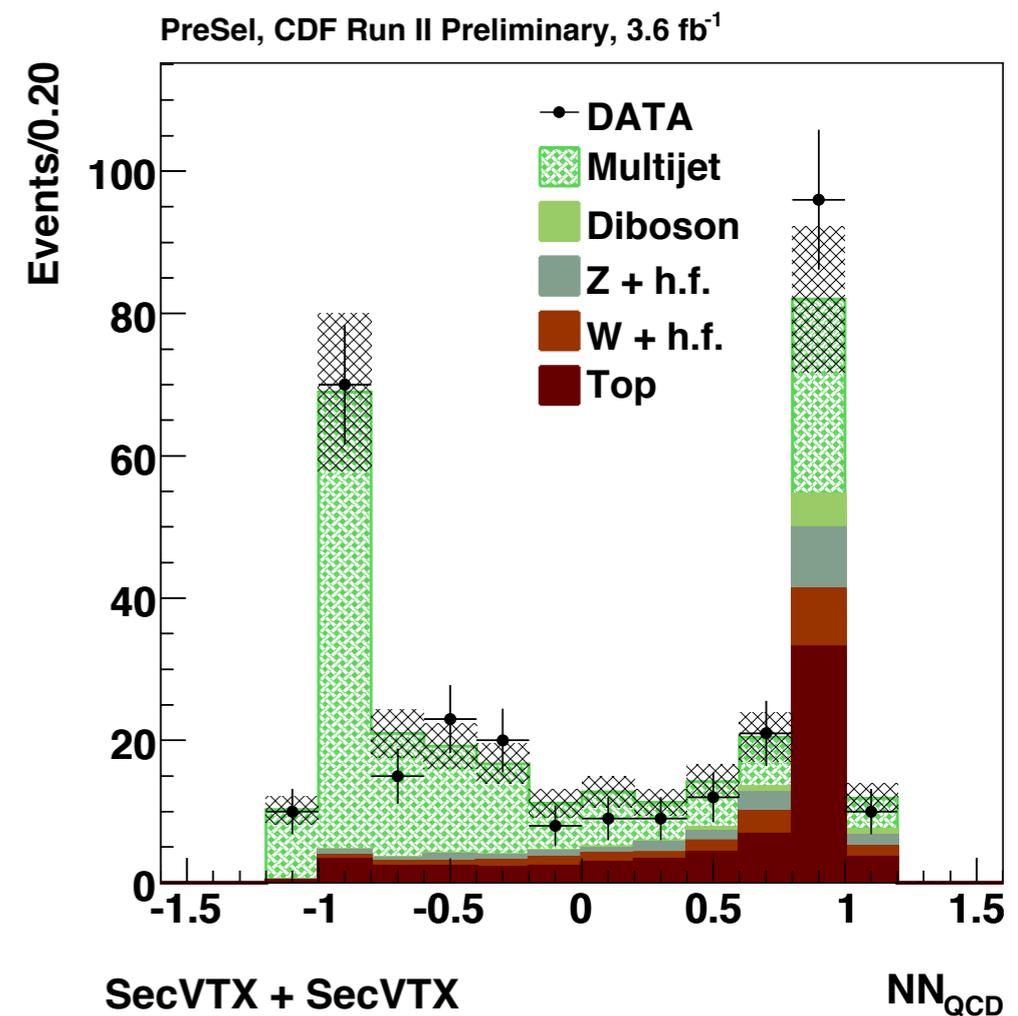
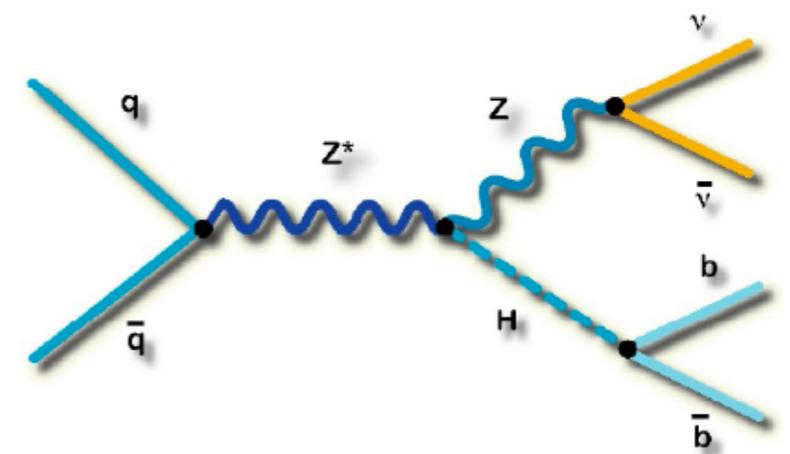
CDF Run II Preliminary,  $L = 4.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 2 and 3 jets



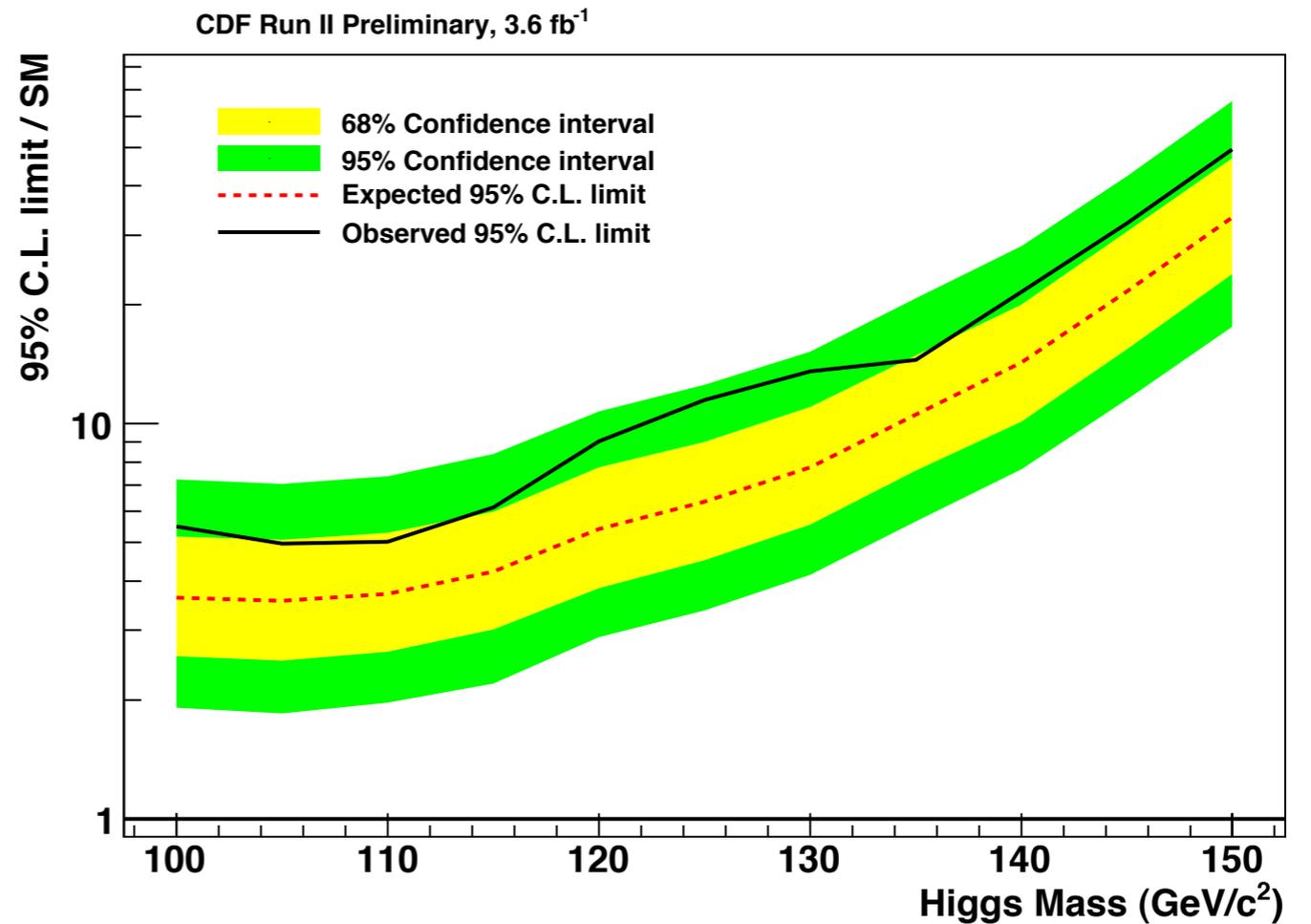
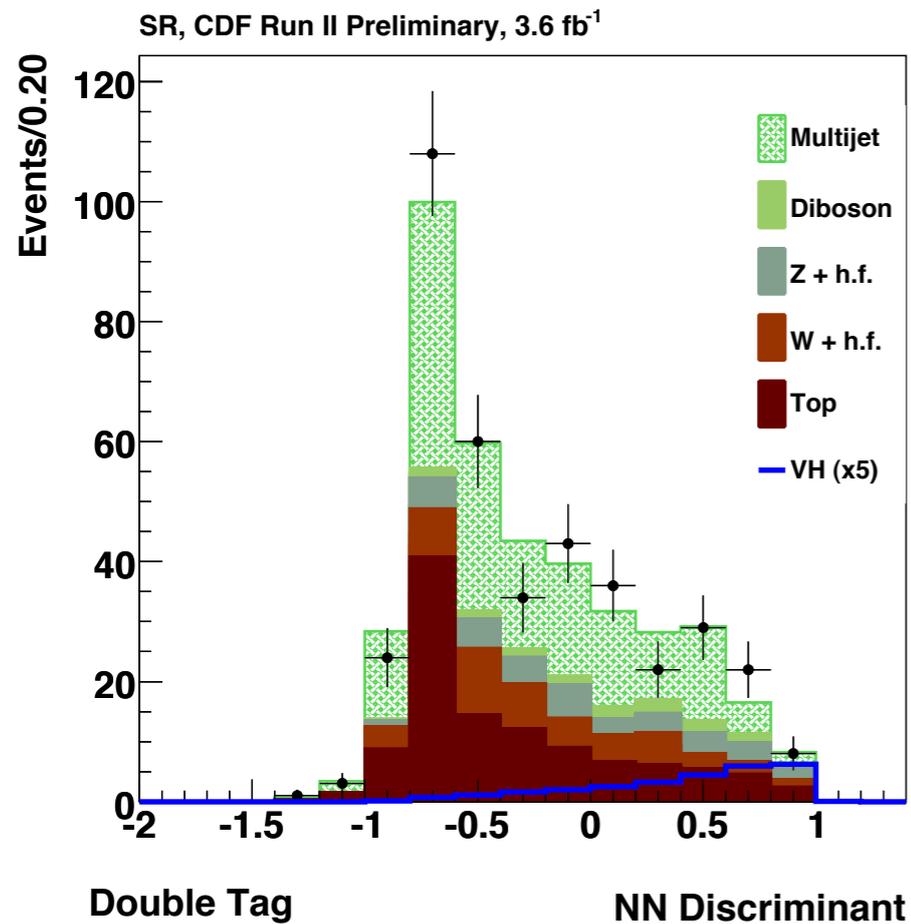
- Use a ME probability calculation (“EPD”) for signal enhancement
- $4.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  Observe (expect) **3.3 (3.8)  $\times \sigma_{\text{SM}}$**  @95% CL for  $m_{\text{H}}=115 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - Brand new result: not included in latest combination

$$VH \rightarrow b\bar{b} + \cancel{E}_T$$

- Includes contributions from
  - $WH \rightarrow (l) \nu b \bar{b}$
  - $ZH \rightarrow \nu \nu b \bar{b}$
- Select events with large missing  $E_T$  and jets with at least 1  $b$ -tag
- Exclude identified leptons
  - Ensures independent channel from other  $VH$  searches
- Backgrounds by source of missing  $E_T$ 
  - **Instrumental:** QCD multijet
  - **Real:**  $W/Z$ +jets, top, diboson
- Large QCD background drives analysis design
  - Model using data
  - Use NN to separate QCD background

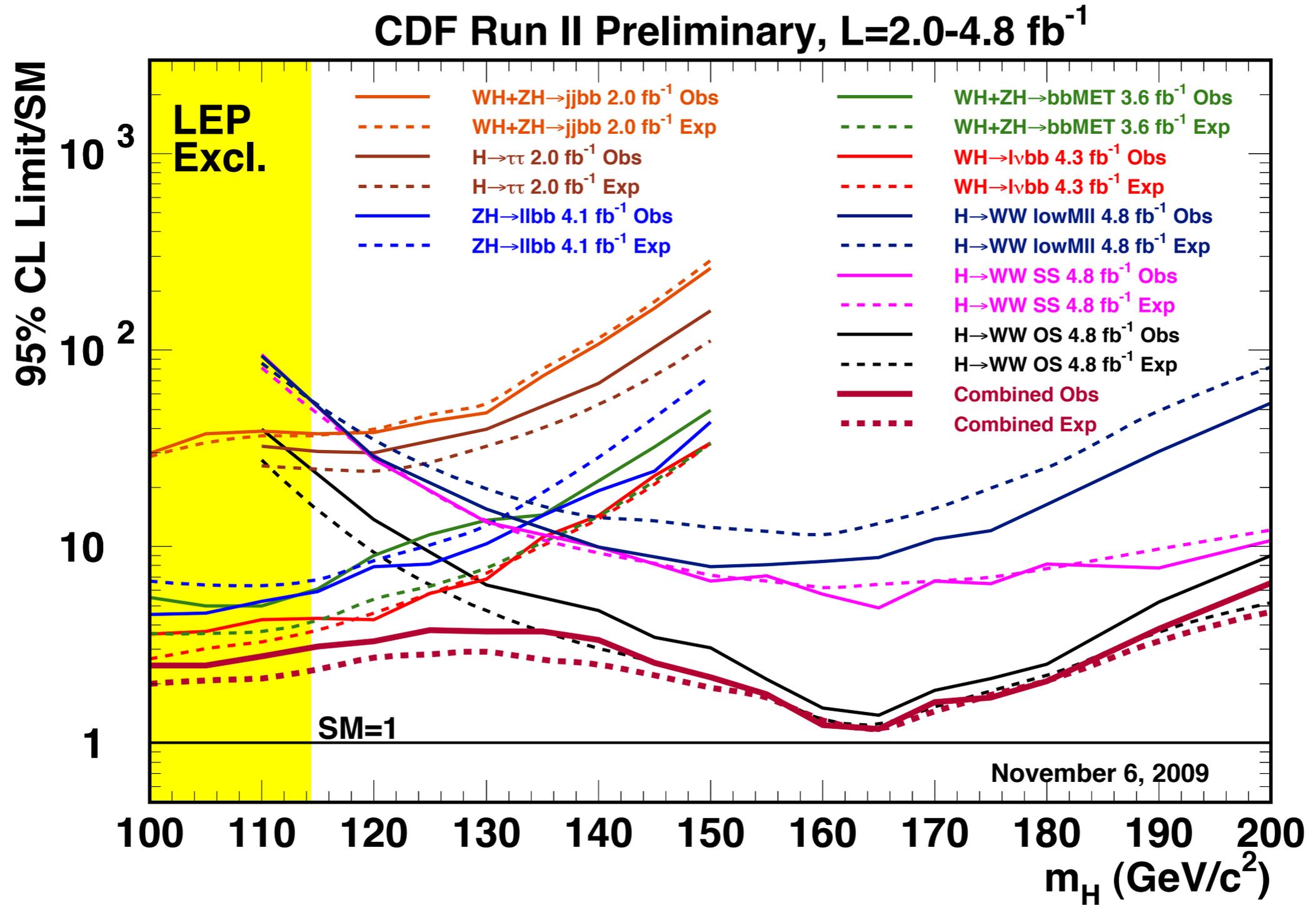


# $VH \rightarrow b\bar{b} + \cancel{E}_T$ results



- Use a NN discriminant for signal enhancement
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# All channels



# Now double the dataset

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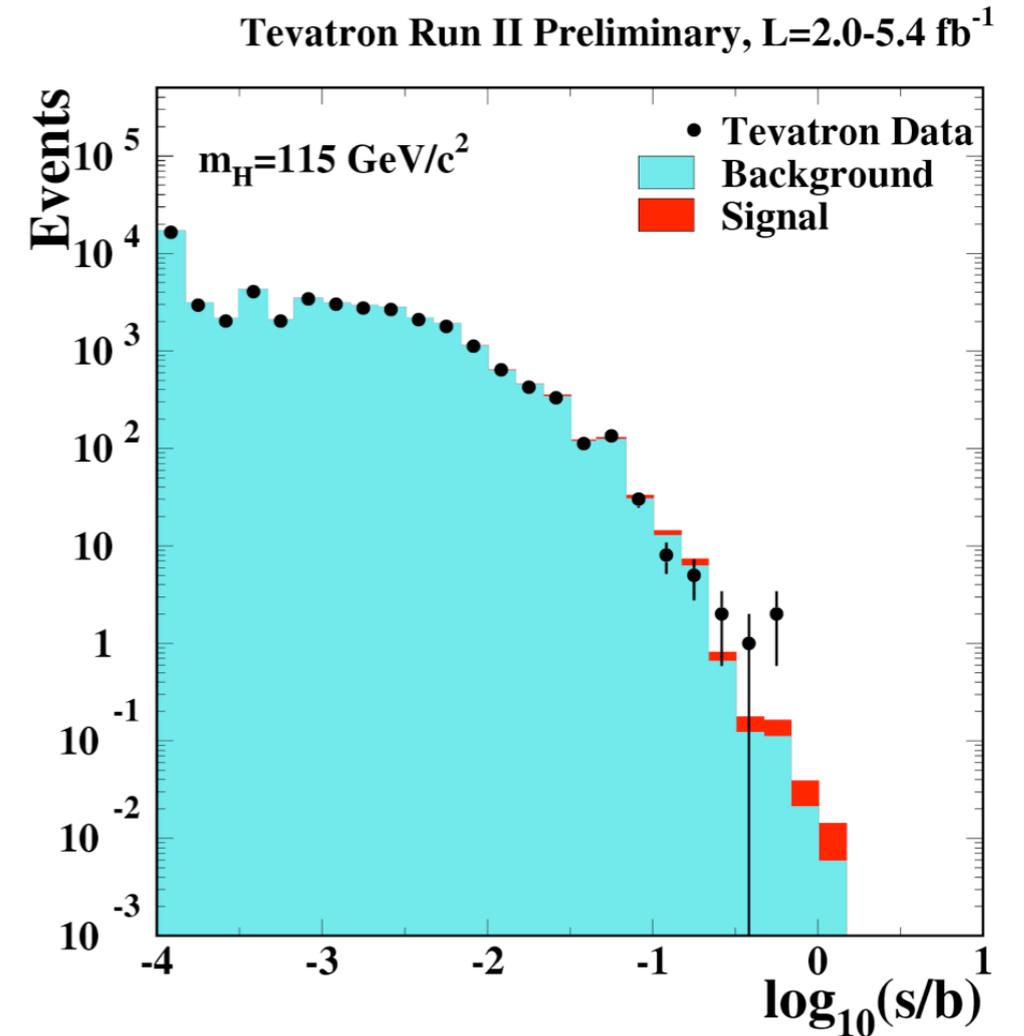
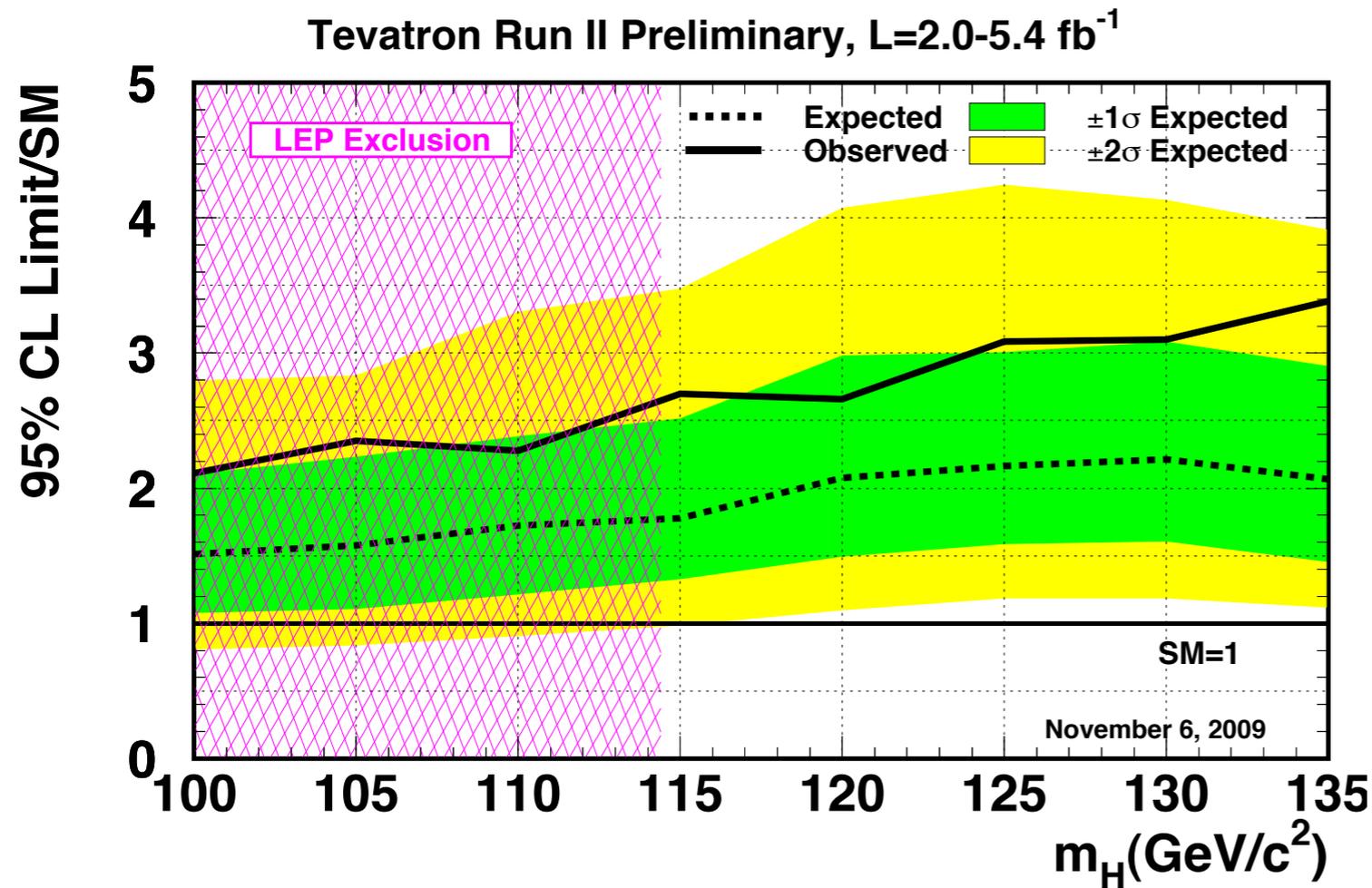
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$WH \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$ 2-jet channels $3 \times (\text{TDT}, \text{LDT}, \text{ST}, \text{LDTX})$	4.3	100-150	[4]
$WH \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$ 3-jet channels $2 \times (\text{TDT}, \text{LDT}, \text{ST})$	4.3	100-150	[5]
$ZH \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu} b\bar{b}$ (TDT, LDT, ST)	3.6	105-150	[6]
$ZH \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- b\bar{b}$ (low, high $s/b$ ) $\times (\text{TDT}, \text{LDT}, \text{ST})$	4.1	100-150	[7]
$H \rightarrow W^+ W^-$ (low, high $s/b$ ) $\times (0, 1 \text{ jets}) + (2+ \text{ jets}) + \text{Low-}m_{\ell\ell}$	4.8	110-200	[8]
$WH \rightarrow WW^+ W^- \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu \ell^\pm \nu$	4.8	110-200	[8]
$H + X \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- + 2 \text{ jets}$	2.0	110-150	[9]
$WH + ZH \rightarrow jj b\bar{b}$	2.0	100-150	[10]

TABLE III: Luminosity, explored mass range and references for the different processes and final state ( $\ell = e, \mu$ ) for the D0 analyses

Channel	Luminosity ( $\text{fb}^{-1}$ )	$m_H$ range ( $\text{GeV}/c^2$ )	Reference
$WH \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$ $2 \times (\text{ST}, \text{DT})$	5.0	100-150	[11]
$VH \rightarrow \tau\tau b\bar{b}/q\bar{q}\tau\tau$	4.9	105-145	[12, 13]
$ZH \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu} b\bar{b}$ (ST, TLDT)	5.2	100-150	[14]
$ZH \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- b\bar{b}$ $2 \times (\text{ST}, \text{DT})$	4.2	100-150	[15]
$WH \rightarrow WW^+ W^- \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu \ell^\pm \nu$	3.6	120-200	[16, 17]
$H \rightarrow W^+ W^- \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu \ell^\mp \nu$	5.4	115-200	[18]
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	4.2	100-150	[19]
$t\bar{t}H \rightarrow t\bar{t} b\bar{b}$ $2 \times (\text{ST}, \text{DT}, \text{TT})$	2.1	105-155	[20]

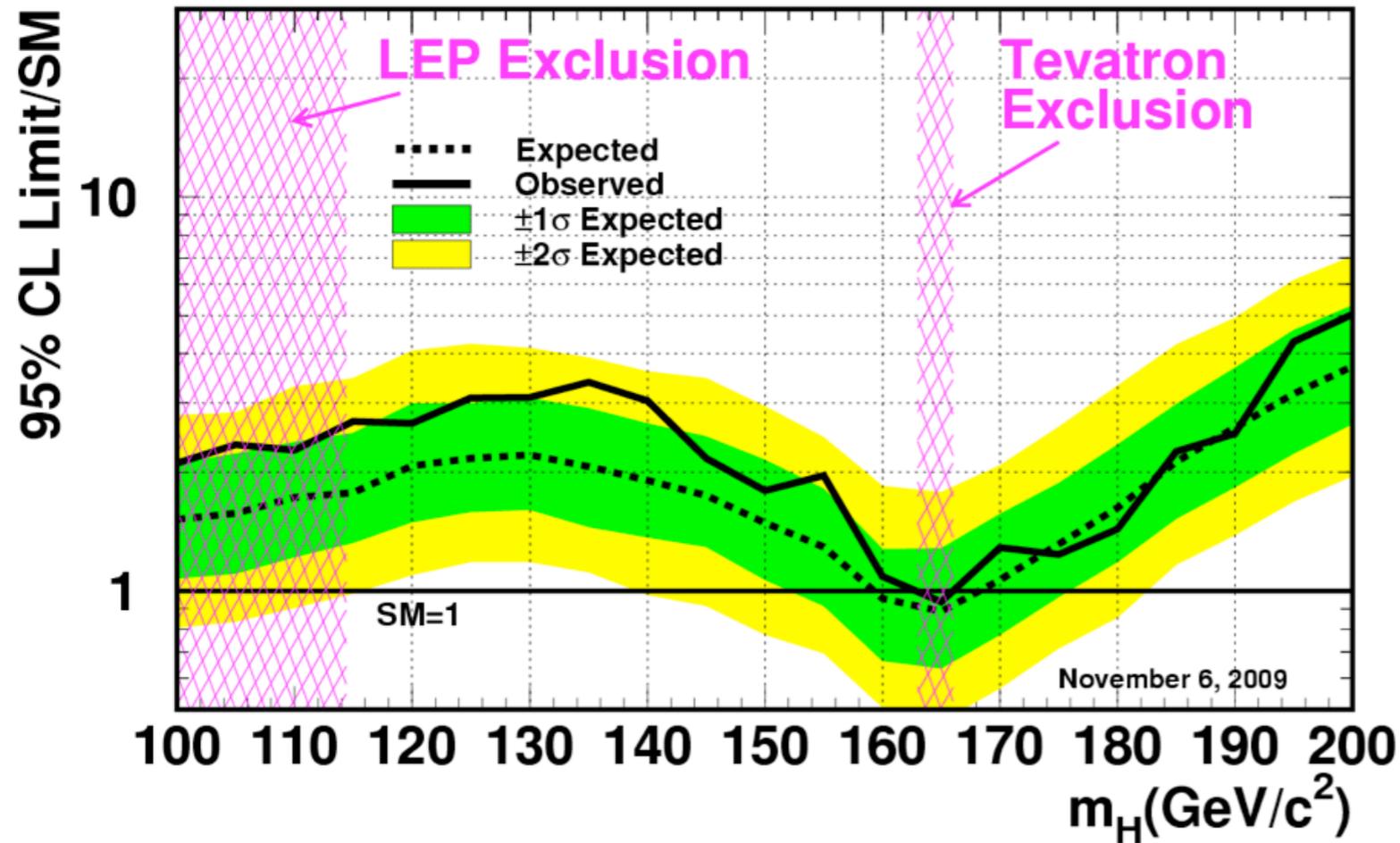
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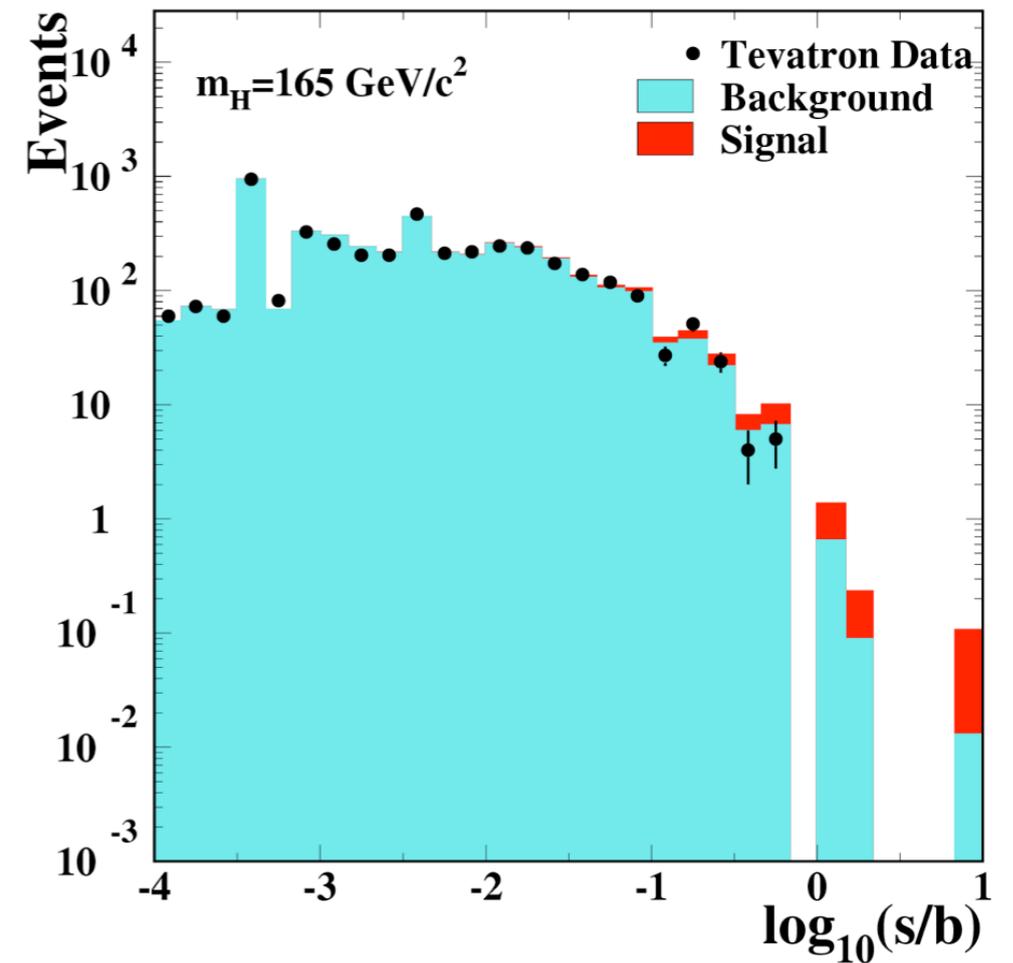
- Two independent methods (Bayesian, modified Frequentist)
- Combined CDF+DØ sensitivity at  $m_H=115 \text{ GeV}$  is now  $1.78 \times \sigma_{SM}$ 
  - Observed limit of  $2.70 \times \sigma_{SM}$  at  $m_H=115 \text{ GeV}$

# High mass combination

Tevatron Run II Preliminary, L=2.0-5.4 fb<sup>-1</sup>



Tevatron Run II Preliminary, L=4.8-5.4 fb<sup>-1</sup>

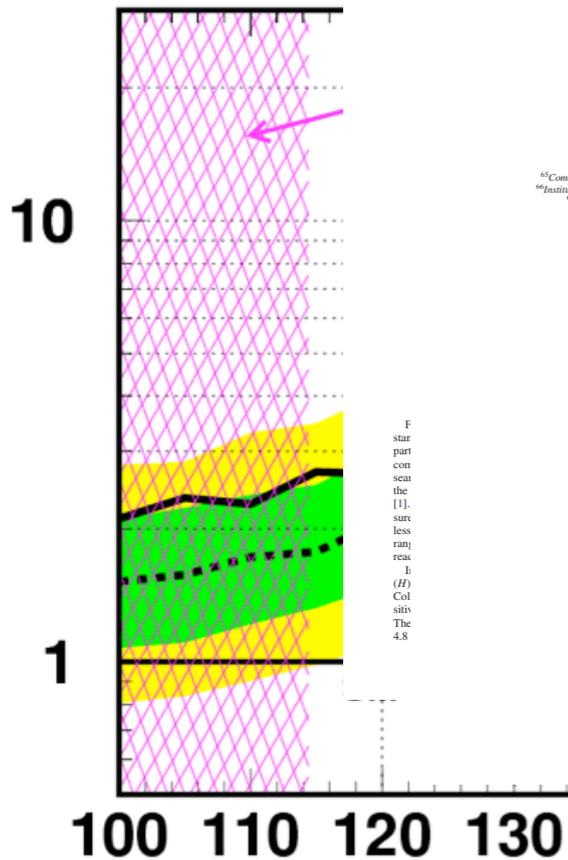


- SM Higgs **excluded** @95% CL for  $m_H = 163-166$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
  - First Higgs exclusion since LEP

# High mass combination

95% CL Limit/SM

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- SM Higgs **excluded**
- First Higgs exclusion

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## Combination of Tevatron Searches for the Standard Model Higgs Boson in the $W^+W^-$ Decay Mode

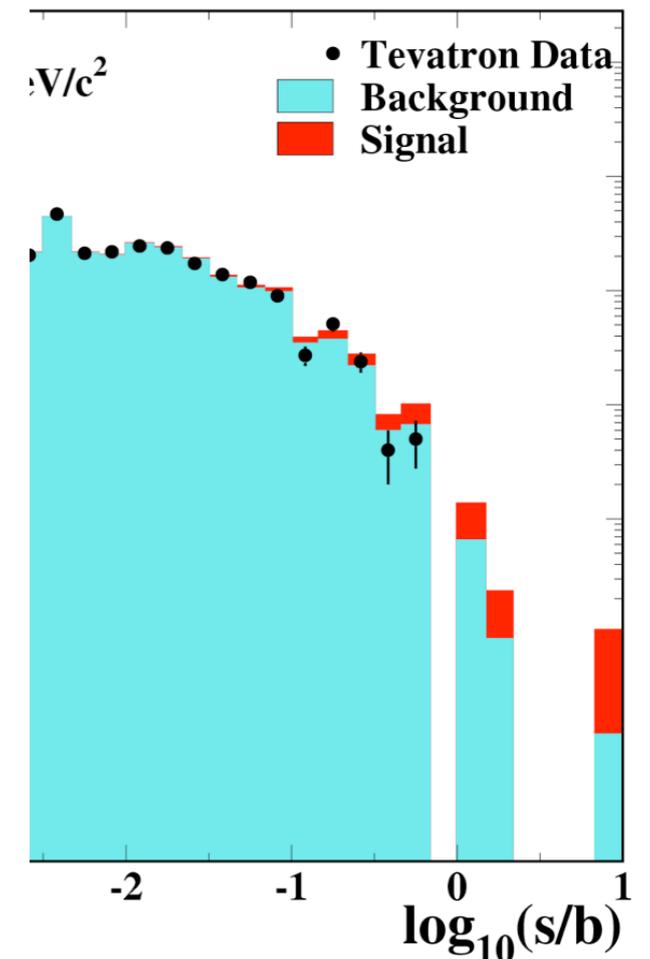
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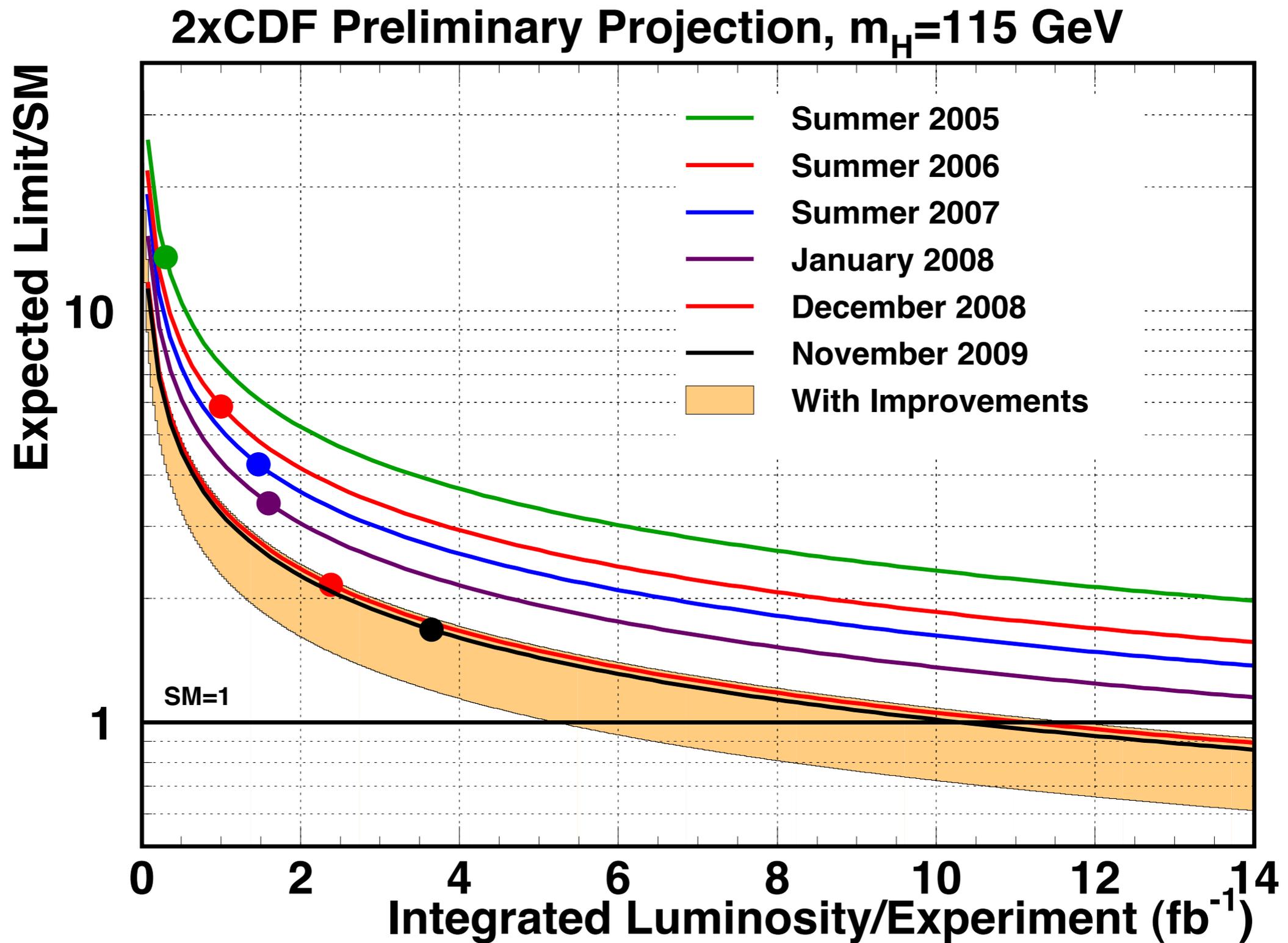
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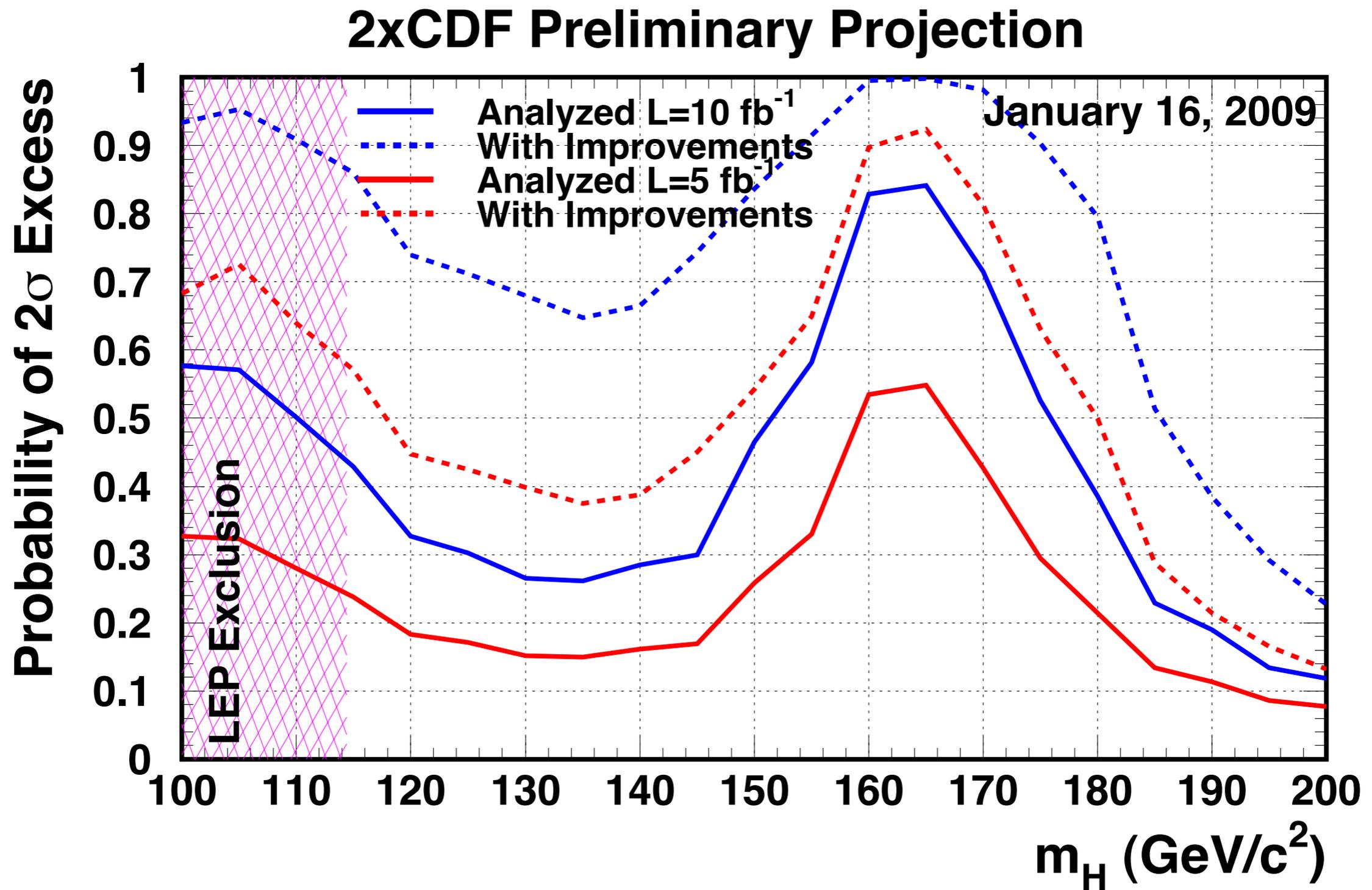


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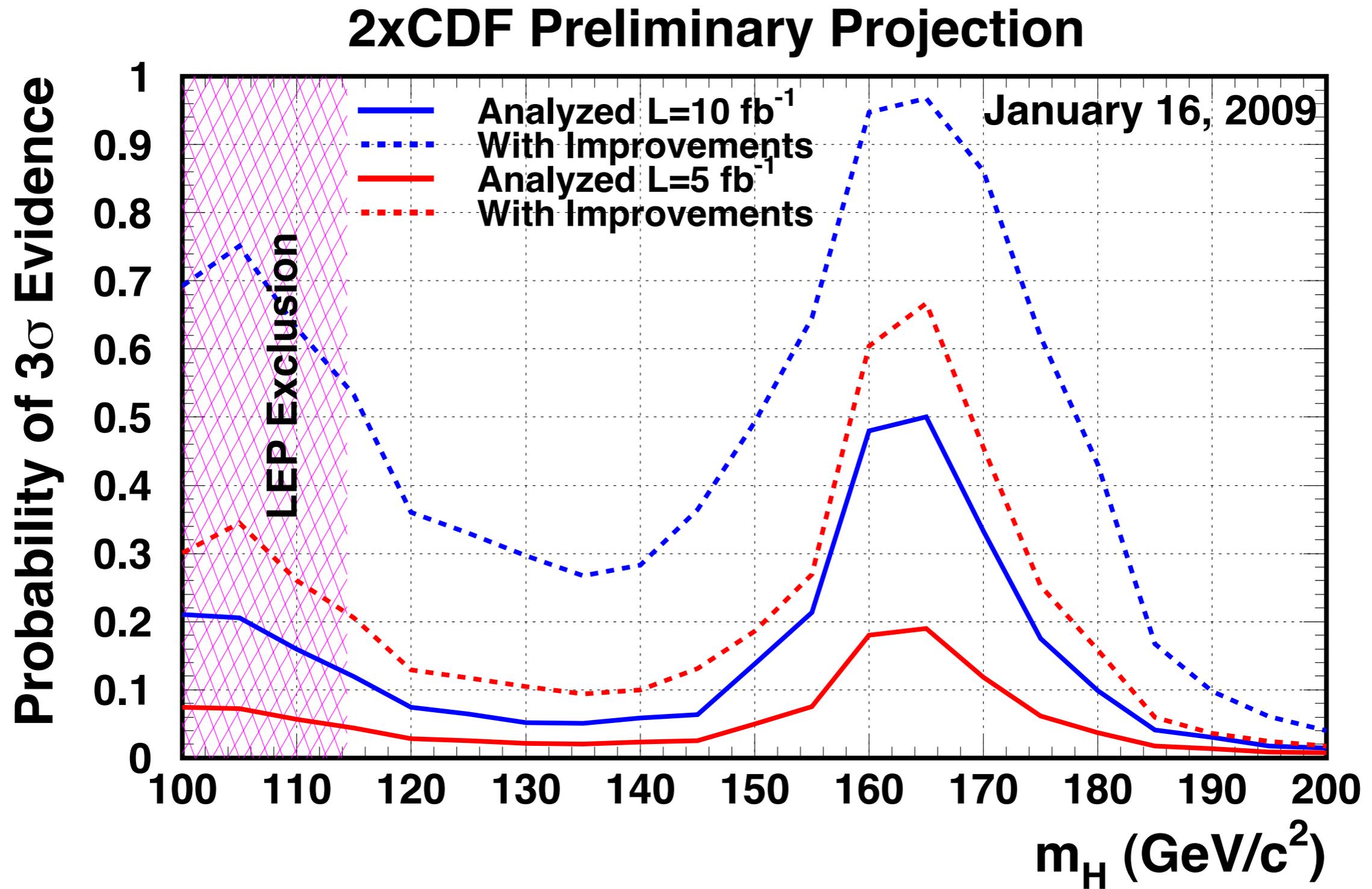
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# Outlook: can we see an excess?

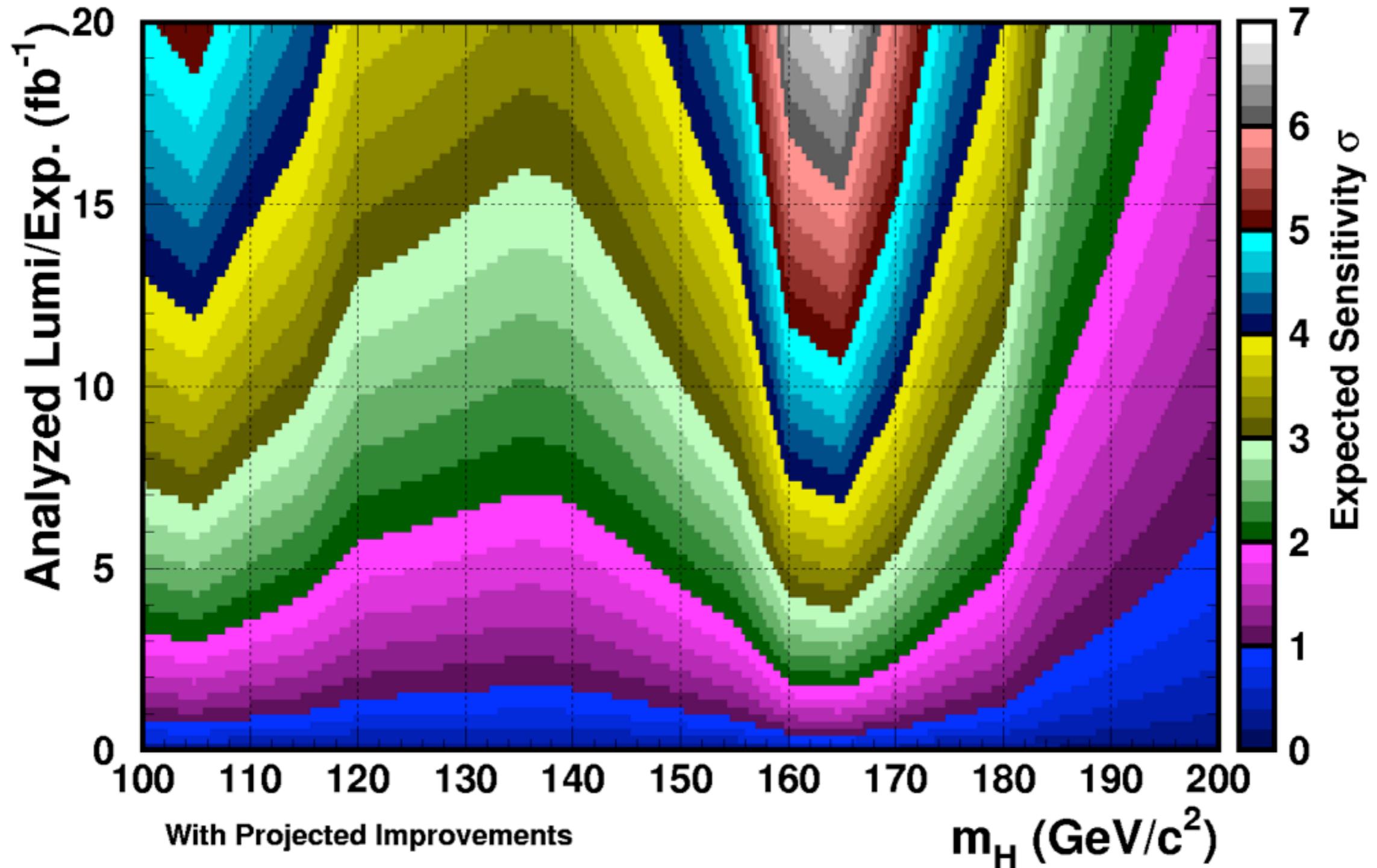


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# Running the Tevatron until 2014?

## 2xCDF Preliminary Projection



With Projected Improvements

# Conclusion

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- Datasets at Tevatron continue to grow
  - Expect  $\sim 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ /experiment analyzed by 2011
- SM Higgs **excluded** @95% CL for  $m_H=[163,166]$  GeV
- Continued effort in improving low mass Higgs searches
- Combined CDF+DØ sensitivity at  $m_H=115$  GeV is now  **$1.78 \times \sigma_{SM}$** 
  - Observed limit of  **$2.70 \times \sigma_{SM}$**  at  $m_H=115$  GeV
- An exclusion over **entire search range** possible by end of Run II
  - Or better yet, see hints of a signal?